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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden (by Adjournment) at *Providence*, within and for the State aforefaid, on the last *Monday* in *February*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four, and in the Eighth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

His EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,  
G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

*JABEZ BOWEN*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

JOSEPH BROWN, Esq;

RICHARD SEARLE, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

JOHN SMITH (of *Gloucester*) Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esquire, Speaker.

## NEWPORT :

William Taggart, *Esq*;  
 John Topham, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Nicholas P. Tillinghast,  
 John Collins, *Esq*;  
 Mr. William Tripp.

## PROVIDENCE :

John Smith, *Esq*;  
 Mr. John Brown,  
 Mr. Paul Allen,  
 Ebenezer Thompson, *Esq*;

## PORTSMOUTH :

John Thurston, *Esq*;

## WARWICK :

John Warner, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Thomas Remington,  
 Mr. James Arnold, *jun*.  
 Mr. Abraham Lippitt.

## WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;  
 Mr. David Maxlon.

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Thomas Cole,  
 Mr. John Allen.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Roufe J. Helme, *Esq*;

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Crary, *Esq*;  
 Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq*;

## JAMESTOWN :

None.

## SMITHFIELD :

Mr. Stephen Arnold, *jun*.  
 Mr. William Waterman.

## SCITUATE :

Rufus Hopkins, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Asahel Harris.

## GLOUCESTER :

Daniel Owen, *Esq*;  
 Stephen Steere, *Esq*;

## CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun*. *Esq*;  
 Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq*;

## WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Gorton, *Esq*;

Mr. Samuel Hopkins.

## COVENTRY :

Israel Bowen, *Esq*;  
 Ephraim Westcot, *Esq*;

## EXETER :

Mr. Job Wilcox,  
 Mr. Stephen Wightman.

## MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Nicholas Easton,  
 Mr. John Manchester.

## BRISTOL :

The Speaker,  
 Nathaniel Fales, *Esq*;

## TIVERTON :

Lemuel Bailey, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Benjamin Howland.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. Daniel Wilbour,  
 Mr. Joseph Gifford.

## WARREN :

Nathan Miller, *Esq*;  
 Robert Carr, *Esq*;

## CUMBERLAND :

John Dexter, *Esq*;  
 Nathaniel Shepardson, *Esq*;

## RICHMOND :

Mr. William Tefft.

## CRANSTON :

Mr. Matthew Manchester,  
 Mr. William Field.

## HOPKINTON :

George Thurston, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Oliver Davis.

## JOHNSTON :

Mr. Emor Olney,  
 Mr. Joseph Fisk.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Esek Hopkins, *Esq*;  
 John Jenckes, *Esq*;

## BARRINGTON :

Mr. Vial Allen,  
 Samuel Allen, *Esq*;

## FOSTER :

Mr. John Williams,  
 George Dorrance, *Esq*;

BENJAMIN BOURNE, Esquire, Clerk of the Lower House.

THE Account of Mr. *Abel Bennet*, exhibited unto this Assembly, *A. Bennet al-*  
 for the Time, Trouble and Expences of himself and Two Aids, *lowed £. 3*  
 in apprehending and committing to Gaol *Francis Perkins*, for *12s.*  
 Horse-Stealing, by Virtue of a Warrant from *John Rice*, Esq;  
 being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount  
 thereof, being *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, be  
 allowed and paid the said *Abel Bennet*, out of the General-Treasury.

THE Account of *Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *R. Smith &*  
*Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for Wood for the Use of the *lowed £. 2*  
 Courts in the said County, and for carrying Acts of Assembly and *8s.*  
 Proclamations, at divers Times, to the several Towns, being duly  
 considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof,  
 being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and  
 paid the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Thomas Fitch Oliver*, at *T. F. Oliver*  
 present the officiating Clergyman in the Episcopal Church, in the *empowered*  
 Town of *Providence*, be, and he is hereby vested with full Power *to join Per-*  
 and Authority to join Persons in Marriage; he complying with the *sons in Mar-*  
 Law of this State regulating Marriages. Any Law, Custom, or *riage.*  
 Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE Account of *Caleb Fisk*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, *C. Fisk al-*  
 for Medicines and Attendance upon *Joseph Angell*, a sick Soldier, *lowed £. 3*  
 belonging to this State's Continental Battations, in the Year 1776, *5s 2d.*  
 being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount  
 thereof, being *Three Pounds Five Shillings and Twopence*, Lawful  
 Money, be allowed and paid the said *Caleb Fisk*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Pro-* *Committee*  
*vidence* be added to Mr. *John Brown*, to repair the Roof of the *to repair the*  
 State-House in the said County, so as effectually to stop the Leaks; *State-House*  
 and that they also repair the Windows of the said House. *in Provi-*  
*dence.*

WHEREAS it is represented to this Assembly, that *Moses Blanchard*, *M. Manches-*  
 of *Coventry*, who is indebted to this State, hath absconded; and that *ter to stop*  
 all his real Estate hath been attached by his other Creditors; and *Money in his*  
 Mr. *Matthew Manchester* having informed this Assembly, that, as a *Hands due*  
 late Conductor of Ox-Teams, in the Service of the United States, *to M. Blan-*  
 he is indebted to the said *Moses Blanchard*: *It is therefore Voted and*  
*Resolved*, That the said *Matthew Manchester* be, and he is hereby  
 requested to stop the Monies due to the said *Moses Blanchard* in his  
 Hands; and that he render an Account of the Amount thereof to  
 this Assembly as soon as may be, that the same may be appropriated  
 to the Use of this State, in Payment of the Debt due from the said  
*Moses Blanchard*.

WHEREAS the Congregational Society, in the Town of *Tiverton*, *Lottery*  
 preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, representing, that the *granted to*  
 Meeting-House belonging to the said Society was improved, during *the Congre-*  
 the late War, as a Barrack for the Troops, whereby it is greatly in- *gational So-*  
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jured; and that the said Society are unable to advance the Money to repair the same; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, for raising the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Dollars*, to be applied to the repairing of the said Meeting-House; and that *Joseph Taber, Pardon Gray, John Cooke, William Ladd, William Whitridge, Abraham Brown, Benjamin Howland, and Nathaniel Briggs* may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That that the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted: That the said *Joseph Taber, Pardon Gray, John Cooke, William Ladd, William Whitridge, Abraham Brown, Benjamin Howland, and Nathaniel Briggs* be, and they are hereby appointed Directors of the said Lottery, and empowered to draw and establish a Scheme therefor; provided that they give Bond to the General-Treasurer, in a Sum double the Amount of the said Scheme, for the faithful Discharge of their Trust; and that no Expence accrue to the State.

*J. Olney's*  
Representa-  
tion.

WHEREAS *Jeremiah Olney*, Esq; late Commandant of this State's Continental Regiment, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, representing, that there is still due to the Officers and Soldiers of the said Regiment, a Balance of about *Three Hundred Pounds*, upon the Orders given by this Assembly, in Favour of the said Regiment, on the General-Treasury; and praying that Interest thereon may be allowed: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved* That *Ebenezer Thompson, John Jenckes, and Rouse J. Helme*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to examine the Pay-Rolls on which the Sums abovementioned were granted; and to enquire into the Accounts of the said *Jeremiah Olney*, relative to the Receipts of Money in Behalf of the said Regiment, the Expenditure of the same, and the Amount of the Interest due on the said Orders.

*E. Cornell al-*  
lowed *£. 27*  
12s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-seven Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to *Ezekiel Cornell*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, in Addition to the Sum of *Four Dollars* per Day, charged in his Account, for his Services, as a Delegate to Congress, from the Twentieth Day of *June* to the Twenty-first Day of *September*, A. D. 1782, in his Account settled in *October*, A. D. 1782.

Additional  
Act respect-  
ing Loan-  
Office Certi-  
ficates.

WHEREAS the General-Treasurer hath represented to this Assembly, that he hath issued Certificates for Interest on Loan-Office Certificates, pursuant to an Act passed at the last Session of this Assembly, to the Amount of *Twenty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars*, the Sum limited in the said Act: And whereas it appears that there are Certificates issued from the Loan-Office in this State, and now belonging to the Inhabitants thereof, to a considerable Amount; for one Year's Interest whereof no Certificates have been yet issued to the Possessors of the said Certificates:

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered and directed, to issue Certificates for one Year's Interest of all such Loan-Office Certificates, issued from the Loan-Office in this State, and which belonged to the Inhabitants

bitants of this State on the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* last, agreeable to the Directions and Restrictions in the said Act mentioned. And that the said Certificates be received by the General-Treasurer, and Collectors of Taxes, in Payment of the last State-Tax, in like Manner as the Certificates issued pursuant to the Act aforesaid.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That an Interest of Six *per Cent. per Annum*, be allowed and paid by the General-Treasurer on all such Certificates for Interest, from their Date till received into the Treasury, as well on Certificates which have been, as those which may be issued, and also on such as have been paid into the Treasury; and that the said Certificates issued pursuant to this Act shall bear the same Date as those which have been heretofore issued.

AND whereas it hath been found very inconvenient for the Inhabitants, in divers Parts of the State, to make Oath before a Justice of the Superior Court, as is directed in the Act aforesaid, by Reason of the Distance of their Places of Residence :

*It is therefore further Resolved*, That *Thomas G. Hazard*, of *Newport*, *Thomas Wells*, of *Hopkinton*, and *Shearjashub Bourne*, of *Bristol*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby also appointed and empowered, to administer the Oath in the said Act prescribed.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That in case, when the Payment of the said Tax shall be compleated, any of the Certificates so to be issued shall remain undischarged, the Surplus thereof shall be received in Payment of the next State Tax which shall be ordered: And that Copies of this Act be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks as soon as may be.

UPON the Petition of *Mr. Samuel Gardner*, of *South-Kingstown*, preferred unto this Assembly, representing, that while he was confined in the Town of *Newport*, during the Time the *British Troops* were in Possession thereof, this Assembly ordered his Tenant, *Mr. Abijah Babcock*, to pay the Rents and Profits of his Estate, lying in said *South-Kingstown*, into the General-Treasury; and praying that he may be paid what in Law and Equity is due to him, the following Report was made, *to wit* :

Report upon  
*S. Gardner's*  
Petition.

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Lower-House of Assembly, to consider the Petition of *Mr. Samuel Gardner*, have accordingly met the Petitioner, with his Counsel, *James M. Varnum*, Esq; and fully heard them on the Premises, and after full and deliberate consideration, report, that the said *Samuel Gardner*, though he has received as much Money from the General-Treasurer as the State received towards the Rent of the said Farm, yet it doth not appear to us that *Mr. Abijah Babcock*, who hired the Farm of the said *Samuel Gardner*, has ever paid, either to the State or to the said *Samuel Gardner*, any Thing near the real Value he contracted to pay to the said *Samuel Gardner*. All which is submitted, by

JOHN BROWN, }  
JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.

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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

Lottery  
granted for  
a Market-  
House and  
Bridge in  
Providence.

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that they are desirous of erecting a public Market-House, for the Benefit of the North Part of the said Town; and also of building a Bridge from the South Side of the Work-House Lot over to the Main-Street, which will be of public Utility; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, for raising a Sum not exceeding *One Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, for the Purposes aforesaid; and that Messieurs *John Whipple, Benjamin Comstock, Samuel Young, William Wheaton, Amos Allen, and Jonathan Marsh*, may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted; and that the said *John Whipple, Benjamin Comstock, Samuel Young, William Wheaton, Amos Allen, and Jonathan Marsh*, be, and they are hereby appointed Directors of said Lottery, and empowered to draw a Scheme for the same, for raising a Sum not exceeding *One Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money; provided they give Bonds to the General-Treasurer for the faithful Performance of their Trust, in a Sum double the Amount of the said Scheme; and that no Expence accrue to the State.

Report con-  
cerning an  
Anchor sold  
*W. Arnold.*

WHEREAS *John I. Clarke, Joseph Nightingale, and Arthur Fenner, jun. Esquires*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, respecting an Anchor belonging to the State, sold at Vendue to *Welcome Arnold, Esq;* to wit:

IN Obedience to our Appointment, by the Honorable the General Assembly, the Subscribers met, and fully heard the Parties; and it is our Opinion, that the Property of the said Anchor ought to vest in the former Owners; the Sale at Auction notwithstanding.

*Providence, February 25, A. D. 1784.*

JOHN I. CLARKE,	} Committee.
JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE,	
ARTHUR FENNER, jun.	

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.



## An ACT authorizing the Manumission of Negroes, Mulattoes and others, and for the gradual Abolition of Slavery.

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Slavery.

WHEREAS all Men are entitled to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, and the holding Mankind in a State of Slavery, as private Property, which has gradually obtained by unrestrained Custom and the Permission of the Laws, is repugnant to this



this Principle, and subversive of the Happiness of Mankind, the great End of all civil Government :

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted,* That no Person or Persons, whether Negroes, Mulattoes, or others, who shall be born within the Limits of this State, on or after the First Day of *March*, A. D. 1784, shall be deemed or considered as Servants for Life, or Slaves ; and that all Servitude for Life, or Slavery of Children, to be born as aforesaid, in Consequence of the Condition of their Mothers, be, and the same is hereby taken away, extinguished and for ever abolished.

AND whereas Humanity requires, that Children declared free as aforesaid remain with their Mothers a convenient Time from and after their Birth ; to enable therefore those who claim the Services of such Mothers to maintain and support such Children in a becoming Manner, *It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That such Support and Maintenance be at the Expence of the respective Towns where those reside and are settled : *Provided however,* That the respective Town-Councils may bind out such Children as Apprentices, or otherwise provide for their Support and Maintenance, at any Time after they arrive to the Age of One Year, and before they arrive to their respective Ages of Twenty-one, if Males, and Eighteen, if Females.

AND whereas it the earnest Desire of this Assembly, that such Children be educated in the Principles of Morality and Religion, and instructed in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic : *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That due and adequate Satisfaction be made as aforesaid for such Education and Instruction. And for ascertaining the Allowance for such Support, Maintenance, Education and Instruction, the respective Town-Councils are hereby required to adjust and settle the Accounts in this Behalf from Time to Time, as the same shall be exhibited to them : Which Settlement so made shall be final ; and the respective Towns by Virtue thereof shall become liable to pay the Sums therein specified and allowed.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That all Persons held in Servitude or Slavery, who shall be hereafter emancipated by those who claim them, shall be supported as other Paupers, and not at the separate Expence of the Claimants, if they become chargeable ; provided they shall be between the Ages of Twenty-one Years, if Males, and Eighteen Years, if Females, and Forty Years, and are of sound Body and Mind ; which shall be judged of, and determined by the Town-Councils aforesaid.



*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Whole of the Clause contained in an Act of this Assembly, passed at *June* Session, A. D. 1774, permitting Slaves brought from the Coast of *Africa* into the *West-Indies*, on board any Vessel belonging to this (then Colony, now) State, and who

Clause in an Act passed in *June*, 1774, respecting the Importa-

tion of Slaves repealed. who could not be disposed of in the *West-Indies*, &c. be, and the same is hereby repealed.

*AND it is Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, That for the future no Negro or Mulatto Slave be brought into this State, to be disposed of or sold, under any Colour or Pretext whatever; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.*

*N. Fales, jun.*  
allowed  
£. 1 16s.

THE Account of Mr. *Nathaniel Fales, jun.* exhibited unto this Assembly, for Mutton furnished Major-General *Varnum*, on the Alarm, in *August*, A. D. 1780, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Fales, jun.* out of the General-Treasury, in full for the said Account.

*E. Gavet* allowed £. 15. WHEREAS *William Taggart* and *Archibald Crary*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee to enquire into the Circumstances of *Edward Gavet*, late a Soldier in Colonel *Christopher Lippitt's* Regiment, do report, that we have enquired into the Cause of his Lameness, and from the best Information we can get at present, are of the Opinion, that he have an Order on the General-Treasury for *Fifteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, for his present Relief.

WILLIAM TAGGART,  
ARCHIBALD CRARY.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to the said *Edward Gavet*, out of the General-Treasury.

Representa-  
tion of *J.*  
*Olney* in Fa-  
vour of Staff-  
Officers.

WHEREAS *Jeremiab Olney*, Esq; late Commandant of this State's Continental Battalion, presented unto this Assembly the following Representation, *to wit*:

AT the particular Request of the Staff-Officers of the Line of this State, the Subscriber begs Leave to represent to this Honorable Assembly, that in settling of their Depreciation-Accounts with the State, up to *August*, A. D. 1780, they were not allowed the additional Pay promised by several Resolves of Congress to the Staff-Officers, and which has been allowed them since that Period; and that the uniform Practice of other States, in settling the Depreciation-Account, has been to allow the additional Pay to the Staff-Officers: Wherefore, in their Behalf, I request that this Assembly will now appoint a Committee to adjust the Accounts of the additional Pay, due to the Staff-Officers of this State's Line, up to the First Day of *August*, A. D. 1780: That the said Committee have Power to reconsider the Accounts of Captain *David Sayles*, and Lieutenant *John Rogers*, who did the Duty of Quarter-Master and Adjutant, from the First of *August*, A. D. 1780, to *December* the Thirty-first, A. D. 1781, inclusive, as settled in Account with the State, in *February*,  
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A. D. 1783, since which it appears they were each entitled to an extra Ration, by a Resolve of Congress, which Ration was not included in said Settlement. I have the Honor to be, with great Esteem, Gentlemen, your very obedient, humble Servant,

JEREMIAH OLNEY.

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ezek Hopkins, Thomas Rumreil, and Benjamin Bourne*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to settle and adjust the said Accounts on the same Principles as the Accounts of the other Officers have been adjusted; and that they report thereon as soon as may be.

THE Representation of *Jeremiah Olney*, Esq; late Commandant of this State's Continental Battalion, made unto this Assembly, and his Request that a Committee may be appointed to divide the *Bannister Lot*, so called, lying in *Newport*, which hath been set off to the Officers and Soldiers of the said Regiment, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas G. Hazard and William Channing*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to divide the said Lot: That the said Committee employ a Surveyor, if necessary: That Mrs. *Bannister*, the Wife of Mr. *John Bannister*, who owns One Half of the said Lot, be notified of the Time when they will proceed upon the said Business; and that they report thereon to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee  
to divide the  
*Bannister*  
Lot.

• UPON the Petition of *Nathan Jaquays*, jun. a wounded Soldier, preferred unto this Assembly, the following Report was made, to wit: *N. Jaquays*, jun. allowed £. 6.

WE the Subscribers, having considered the said Petition, and viewed the Wound of the said *Nathan Jaquays*, jun. and got the best Information of the Matter our Time would allow, do report, That the Sum of *Six Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed the said *Nathan Jaquays*, jun. in full to the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* next; and that the same be charged to the United States.

JOHN BROWN, } Committee.  
ARCHIBALD CRARY, }

February 27, A. D. 1784.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Six Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to the said *Nathan Jaquays*, jun. out of the General-Treasury, in full for his Sufferings, to the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* next.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sale of the Estates of the Bondsmen of the Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Coventry* be postponed for the Space of One Month; and that in Case the Money be not paid by that Time the Sheriff proceed to sell the said Estates.

Sale of the  
Collector's  
Bondsmen's  
Estates in  
*Coventry*  
postponed.

THE Petition of Mr. *William Arnold* preferred unto this Assembly, representing, that his Father, *Caleb Arnold*, Esq; of *Gloucester*, One of the Collectors of Taxes for the said Town, died suddenly, and

Petition of  
*W. Arnold*  
granted.

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left the Collection of the said Taxes unfinished; and that he the said *William Arnold* hath been appointed by the said Town, and hath undertaken to collect the said Taxes; and praying this Assembly to grant him a reasonable Time, and direct the General-Treasurer to issue a Warrant for him to collect the same, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Arnold* be, and he is hereby appointed, in the Room of the said *Caleb Arnold*, deceased, to collect the aforesaid Taxes; and that the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to issue his Warrants to the said *William Arnold* for the collecting the same, within Two Months, with Interest, as the Law directs: And that if the aforesaid Taxes shall not be collected within the said Time, the Sheriff proceed to sell the Estate of the said *Caleb Arnold*, in the same Manner as if this Resolution had not been passed.

Report upon  
S. Boone's  
Estate.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Brown*, *Archibald Crary*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*;

THE Subscribers, being appointed to enquire into the Circumstances of the Incumbrances which are on the Estates late belonging to *Samuel Boone*, do report, that the Farms on *Black Plains*, in *Exeter*, and at *North-Kingstown*, are under Mortgage to *Stukely Westcot*, for upwards of *Twenty-six Hundred Dollars*: And that having enquired into the Circumstances of the said Farms, we are of Opinion, that upon the said *Stukely Westcot's* conveying his Right in the said Farm in *Exeter* to this State, that then the Fee Simple of the said Farm in *North-Kingstown* be conveyed by the General-Treasurer, in Behalf of this State, to the said *Stukely Westcot*. All which is submitted, by

JOHN BROWN,  
ARCHIBALD CRARY,  
WILLIAM CHANNING, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted: That upon the said *Stukely Westcot's* delivering unto the General-Treasurer a Deed of Release, quitting all his Claim in a Farm lying in *Exeter*, called the *Black Plain Farm*, formerly belonging to *Samuel Boone*, unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, to and for the Use of this State, that the said General-Treasurer, in Behalf of this State, make and execute a Deed of Release, and quitting all the Claim of this State unto the Farm lying in *North-Kingstown*, formerly belonging unto the said *Samuel Boone*, unto the said *Stukely Westcot*, his Heirs and Assigns.



An ACT repealing the Act, commonly called the Test-Act, and prescribing the Form of an Oath, or Affirmation of Allegiance to the State.

Act repealing the Test-Act, and pre-

WHEREAS the late War, in which the United States were engaged with *Great-Britain*, is, by the good Providence of the

the Supreme Governor of the Universe, brought to an happy Issue, scribing an Oath of Allegiance, and the Reasons for passing the aforesaid Act, commonly called the Test-Act, no longer subsist.

*IT is therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the said Act be, and the same is hereby repealed.*

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the following shall be the Form of the Oath (or in Cases of tender Consciences of the Affirmation) of Allegiance, to be taken by all Persons who shall hereafter be admitted to Vote in the Election of any Officer, or in any other Matter in this State, excepting those who have heretofore subscribed the Test required by the said Act, of whom no new Engagement is to be demanded, to wit :*

You, A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will bear Faith and true Allegiance to the State of *Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations*, as a free, sovereign and independent State, and as a faithful Citizen thereof. So help you God. (And this Affirmation you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.)

WHICH shall be administered by the Moderator, in open Town-Meeting.



*IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Mawdsley, Esq; be, and he is hereby empowered, to take Possession of all his Property, real and personal, lying and being within the Limits of this State, on the Twenty-fifth Day of March next : That he be empowered to sue for and recover his just Demands ; and that he be liable in like Manner to be sued for the Demands against him.*

WHEREAS *Mr. Augustus Ellis, of West-Greenwich, who inter-married with One of the Daughters of Charles Slocum, late of North-Kingstown, deceased, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, in Behalf of himself and the Children of the said Charles Slocum, and represented, that the Wife of the said Charles Slocum being charged with* *Misdemeanors, this Assembly ordered the Sheriff to take into his Possession, all the personal Estate of the said Charles Slocum, and sell the same ; That the Sales thereof amounted to Four Hundred and Twenty Pounds Fifteen Shillings, which was paid into the General-Treasury ; and that no Settlement thereof hath yet been made ; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to appoint a Committee to enquire into the Premises, and cause Justice to be done therein : Which being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That John Jenckes and Essek Hopkins, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Matters set forth in the said Petition ; and that they make report of the whole State of the said Affair to this Assembly at the next Session.*

Committee  
to adjust T.  
Greene's Ac-  
counts.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable Jabez Bowen, Esq; and Ebenezer Thompson, Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to make Enquiry into the true State of the Accounts of Thomas Greene, Esq; formerly Deputy Quarter-Master-General, and Commissary of Military Stores, in this State, he being at present very infirm, and incapable of attending to the Adjustment of his Accounts : That the said Committee make Enquiry for the original Vouchers of the said Thomas Greene's Accounts, which have been adjusted by a Committee appointed by the Honorable Major-General Gates, during his Command in this State; and, if they find it necessary in the Course of the aforesaid Enquiry, that they write to the said General Gates on the Subject.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee be, and they are hereby appointed and empowered, to assist in the final Settlement of the said Accounts with the Commissioner of the United States for the settling public Accounts in this State.

Lottery for  
Building a  
Church in  
Bristol.

WHEREAS the Wardens, Vestry, and other Members of the Episcopal Church, in the Town of Bristol, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that the Church in the said Town was burnt by the Enemy in the late War, whereby they are deprived of a suitable Place to assemble together for the Worship of God, according to their Form; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, for raising the Sum of *One Thousand Dollars*, to enable them to build a Church: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be, and hereby is granted: That they be empowered to set forth a Lottery for the Purpose of raising a Sum not exceeding *One Thousand Dollars*, for Building a Church in the said Town of Bristol; and that Messieurs Nathaniel Pearce, sen. William Pearce, John Usber, Richard Pearce, Jeremiah Wheeler, Hezekiah Usber, Nathaniel Munro, and Lemuel Clarke, be, and they are hereby appointed, Managers of the said Lottery, and empowered to agree on a Scheme for the same; provided they give Bond to the General-Treasurer, in a Sum double the Amount of such Scheme, for the faithful Performance of their Trust.

Committee  
settle the late  
Grand Com-  
mittee's Of-  
fice.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That George Hazard, Thomas Rumreill, and John G. Wanton, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to adjust the Accounts of the Grand Committee's Office in this State; and that they be empowered to call upon and adjust the Accounts of the Deputies of the Keepers of the said Office, and all other Persons indebted to the same; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

J. and J.  
Brenton's Es-  
tates releas-  
ed to the Cre-  
ditors.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly do hereby relinquish all Right, Claim and Demand against the Estates of Jabeel Brenton, and James Brenton, in Confidence of any Acts or Judgments confiscating those Estates; and that the Creditors, as well Mortgagees as others, may, as they shall see fit, pursue their several Claims and Demands against the said Estates, in the same Manner as though no Acts or Judgments of Confiscation had been made or passed.

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*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ezek Hopkins*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to ascertain the Amount of the Certificates which have been given by the Regimental Pay-Master of this State's late Continental Regiment to the Men raised for Nine Months, as Recruits for said Regiment.

Committee to ascertain the Certificates for Nine Months Men.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Delegates from this State, now at Congress, be, and they are hereby requested, to apply to Congress, to point out the Mode in which the Arrears due to the said Recruits shall be paid; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to write a Letter accordingly.

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of the Towns of *Warwick* and *Cranston* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that their Ancestors did settle on both Sides, and near the Falls of *Pawtuxet* River, there built Garrisons, and defended themselves against the Savages of the Country, with an Intention and Expectation of being incorporated into a Township, whenever they should increase to a Number sufficient; but that there being but few Inhabitants, and no Bridge over the River, those on the North Side of the River submitted to be added to *Providence*, and those on the South Side to *Warwick*: And that they have now increased to the Number of about One Hundred and Ten Freemen: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to set them off, and incorporate them into a Township: And whereas they further represented, that if the said Petition be granted, they will agree to take the whole Expence of building and keeping the *Pawtuxet* Bridge in Repair for ever hereafter, without any Expence to the State: And further prayed, that in Case this Assembly do not think fit to incorporate them as aforesaid, a sufficient Sum of Money may be granted for rebuilding the said Bridge, which has been lately destroyed by the great Floods: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be received, and referred to the next Session of this Assembly: That the Towns of *Warwick* and *Cranston* be cited in the mean Time, to shew Cause, if any they have, why the said District shall not be incorporated into a Township: And that all Expence hereon be paid by the Petitioners.

*Pawtuxet* Petition referred.

WHEREAS no Provision is made by Law, ascertaining the Time within which the Creditors to the Estates of Persons deceased shall exhibit their Claims to the Executors and Administrators of such Estates, from whence great Inconveniences have arisen, and a speedy and equitable Adjustment thereof prevented: For remedying whereof in future, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Executors or Administrators of the Estate of any Persons deceased, shall, within One Month after the granting of Letters Testamentary, or Letters of Administration, notify the Creditors thereof, to exhibit their Claims or Demands to him or them, within One Year from the granting of the said Letters, by an Advertisement in One of the public News-Papers, and setting up Notifications in Two or more public Places, in the Town in which the deceased Person last dwelt.

Act for speedily adjusting Estates of deceased Persons.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Creditor to such Estate shall neglect to exhibit his Claim or Demand within the Time aforesaid, he shall be forever afterwards precluded from demanding the same from the Executors or Administrators of such deceased Person; and that such Estate be disposed of agreeable to the Will of the Testator, or be distributed, in Case of Intestacy, agreeable to Law, after Payment of the Demands exhibited as aforesaid: Provided nevertheless, That nothing herein contained shall extend to Persons under Age, beyond Sea, or Non Compos Mentis.*

*G. Wightman's Accounts balanced.*

WHEREAS *John Jenckes, Esq;* presented unto this Assembly, Two Accounts of *Mr. Holmes Wightman*, who hired of the State the Farm late *George Wightman's*; a State of which, together with his Report thereon, are as follow, *to wit* :

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island* to *George Wightman*.  
To Amount of sundry Articles of Produce delivered } £. 88 0 0  
and Monies paid, per Receipts, }

Creditor.

By Three Years Rent of the Farm late *George Wightman's*, } £. 88 0 0  
*Providence, February 28, 1784.*

Errors excepted,

HOLMES WIGHTMAN.

I HAVE examined the above Accounts, with the Vouchers, and find the same right cast, and balanced,

Per JOHN JENCKES, Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

*E. Coddington and R. Dunbar allowed £. 10 11s 10d.*

UPON the Account of *Mr. Edward Coddington* and *Robert Dunbar*, Collectors of Taxes for the Town of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for Taxes against the Estates of Absentees, the following Report was made, *to wit* :

THE Subscriber having, agreeable to the Order of this Assembly, examined the Account of *Messieurs Coddington* and *Dunbar*, report, that this State are accountable only for the Taxes assessed against the the Estates of *George Rome*, *James Honeyman*, and the Tax assessed in *July* against the Estate of *Mr. John Mawdsley*; and that the Taxes due as aforesaid, amounting to *Ten Pounds Eleven Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, ought to be allowed to the said Collectors.

WILLIAM CHANNING, Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Ten Pounds Eleven Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto the said *Edward Coddington* and *Robert Dunbar*, as Collectors of Taxes for the Town of *Newport*, out of the General-Treasury.

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THE Account of Mr. *John Read*, exhibited unto this Assembly, *J. Read* allowed *£. 2* for his Expences on the Sloop *Liberty*, which failed on a Voyage to procure Powder, in the Year 1775, being duly considered, *It is Voted* 5<sup>s</sup>. *and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Five Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Read*, out of the General-Treasury.

A CERTIFICATE given to *Joseph Brown*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services in the Alarm, in *July*, 1780, amounting to *Eighty-four Pounds*, Continental Money, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*; That the Amount thereof (according to the Scale of Depreciation) being *One Pound Two Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Joseph Brown*, out of the General-Treasury. *J. Brown* allowed *£. 1* 2<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>.

THE following Address of the Officers of this State's Continental Battalion was presented unto this Assembly, *to wit*: Address of Officers.

To the Honorable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*.

THE Officers of the Line of this State beg Liberty to approach this Honorable Assembly, with the warmest Gratitude, upon exchanging their military Employment for the Rank of Citizens; the glorious Objects of the late Controversy with *Great-Britain* being happily accomplished, they resume their former Conditions with a Satisfaction peculiar to Freemen. If they have deserved the Approbation of their Country; if they have gained the Confidence of the State; if they have endured Hardships and encountered Difficulties, they feel themselves still indebted, for your constant Attention in every Period of the War. If their Conduct in the Field; if their Wounds, and the Blood of their Companions, who have nobly fallen by their Side, have entitled them to any Share in the Laurels of their Countrymen, they are fully rewarded, in surrendering to your Honors, upon this Occasion, the Standards of their Corps, which have often been distinguished by the Bravery of your Soldiers, upon the most critical and important Occasions. They beg you will be pleased to accept them, with their most cordial Acknowledgments, and be assured of the profound Deference with which they have the Honor to be, your most obedient, and very humble Servants.

JEREMIAH OLNEY,  
In Behalf of the Officers.

*Providence, February 28, A. D. 1784.*

AND a Committee having reported the following Answer thereto, *to wit* -

GENTLEMEN,

THE Governor and Company, in General Assembly convened, with the most pleasing Sensations, receive your affectionate and polite Address. They congratulate you upon the happy Termination of a glorious War, and upon your Return, to participate with Citizens and Freemen

Freemen in the Blessings of Peace. With peculiar Satisfaction they recollect the Bravery and good Conduct of the Officers of the Line of this State, who, after suffering all the Toils and Fatigues of a long and bloody Contest, covered with Laurels, have re-assumed domestic Life.

THEY are happy in receiving those Standards, which have been often displayed with Glory and Bravery, in the Face of very powerful Enemies, and will carefully preserve the same, to commemorate the Achievements of so brave a Corps. We are, Gentlemen, in Behalf of both Houses of Assembly, with Respect and Esteem, your very humble Servants,

WILLIAM GREENE, Governor,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD, Speaker.

February 28, A. D. 1784.

To the Officers of the Line of this State's late Continental Battalion.

AND the said Answer being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is approved : That a fair Copy thereof be made by the Secretary, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable the Speaker, in Behalf of this Assembly : That the same be by the Secretary presented to Colonel *Jeremiah Olney* ; and that the said Standards be under the immediate Care of His Excellency the Governor for the Time being, to be by him carefully preserved, to perpetuate the noble Exploits of that brave Corps.

**Petition of** THE Petition of Colonels *Archibald Crary* and *John Topham*, and  
**A. Crary, &c.** Lieutenant-Colonel *Josiah Flagg*, in Behalf of themselves and the  
**referred.** other Officers and Soldiers belonging to this State's late Brigade, preferred unto this Assembly, representing, that for about Three Years Service their Corps received only the Paper-Currency for their Pay and Subsistence, without any Regard to its Depreciation, which, for a great Part of the Time, was very rapid ; and praying, that whatever is due to them may be settled and adjusted by a Committee, which this Assembly may appoint, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ezek Hopkins*, *Benjamin Bourne*, and *Thomas Rumreill*, Esquires, or any Two of them, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to enquire into, adjust and settle the Accounts of the said Brigade ; and that they make report thereon to this Assembly at the next Session.

**Committee** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Town-Clerks of the several  
**to ascertain** Towns in this State, with *Jeremiah Olney*, Esq; be, and they are  
**the Bounties** hereby appointed, to enquire into the Amount of the Bounties which  
**paid to the** have been advanced by their respective Towns, for Recruits for the  
**Troops.** Continental, State, and Militia Service, since the Commencement of the late War ; and that Report be made to this Assembly at the next Session.

**Committee** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General, *James M.*  
**to draft an** *Varnum*, *Rowse J. Helme*, *Henry Marchant*, and *Benjamin Bourne*,  
**Act respect-** Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to draft  
**ing the De-**  
**finite**  
**Treaty.** an

an Act, pursuant to the Recommendation of Congress, relative to the Treaty of Peace between the United States and the King of Great-Britain.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Three Hundred Dollars* be advanced out of the General-Treasury, to each of the Delegates of this State, now at Congress, on Account of their Services and Expences.

Instructions to, and a Grant made the Delegates.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Delegates be, and they are hereby instructed, to use their Influence to obtain a Recess of Congress, as soon as the national Business will possibly admit.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Delegates request of Congress, that they adjourn, and convene at *Rhode-Island*, in the Course of the next Year, or as soon as may be convenient; and that Congress be informed, that if the said Request shall be acceded to, this State will prepare suitable Buildings for their Accommodation.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sale of the Estate of the Collector of Taxes, in the Town of *Foster*, be, and the same is hereby postponed, for One Month; and that if the Taxes, for the Non-Payment whereof the said Estate was to have been sold, shall not be paid within the Time aforesaid, the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be, and he is hereby empowered and directed, to proceed to sell the said Estate at Public Vendue, by Virtue of the former Execution: Any Thing in this Resolution notwithstanding.

Sale of the Collector's Estate in *Foster* postponed.

WHEREAS the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County of *Washington*, stands adjourned to the last *Monday* in *March* next, and the Term of the Superior Court for that County is to be holden on the First *Monday* of *April* following: Wherefore, to prevent Appeals from the said Inferior Court being carried over to the *October* Term of the said Superior Court, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Appeals from the said Inferior Court shall be entered at the Superior Court, to be holden in *April* next, on the First or Second Day of the said Term; and that no Appeals shall be given for the *October* Term of the said Superior Court: Any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Appeals allowed from *March* Inferior to *April* Superior Courts *Washington*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Payment of the last State Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* be, and the same is hereby postponed, to the First Day of *May* next: That the General-Treasurer issue his Executions at that Time, against the Treasurers of the several Towns which shall be then delinquent, returnable in Twenty Days; and that such Towns as shall not pay their respective Proportions of the said Tax within the said Time, shall pay Interest at the Rate of Twelve *per Centum*, *per Annum*, on the Sums deficient.

Payment of the last Tax postponed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Stephen Deblois*, and Mr. *John Freebody*, both of *Newport*, be, and they are hereby qualified, to sue and be sued hereafter, in the same Manner as though they had never been disqualified.

*S. Deblois* and *J. Freebody* qualified to sue and be sued.

AND removing the Treasury to Providence repealed. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Resolution of this Assembly, passed at an early Period of the late War, for removing the General-Treasurer's Office to *Providence*, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

D. Hall allowed £. 13 12s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, formerly allowed Mr. *Daniel Hall*, for Damages sustained by him, during the Time he occupied the State's Farm, in *North-Kingstown*, be deducted from the Note given by the said *Daniel Hall*, for Rent due to this State.

Report on H. Ward's Account. WHEREAS Mr. *Paul Allen* presented unto this Assembly, a State of the Account of *Henry Ward*, Esq; as Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Providence*, together with his Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*:

Dr. State of Rhode-Island, with Henry Ward.		
1783.	To Cash paid Mr. <i>Benjamin Sayer</i> , per	£. 18 0 0
Dec. 3.	Order of Mr. <i>Robert Stevens</i> ,	- 2 0 0
25th.	Do. paid Mr. <i>Welcome Arnold</i> , Do.	- 60 0 0
1784.	Do. paid Mr. <i>Peter Mumford</i> , Do.	- 60 0 0
Jan. 22.		
Balance due the State,		£. 80 0 0
		67 19 8
		£. 147 19 8

Creditor.

By the Amount of Light-Money received to this Day, £. 147 19 8

February 28, A. D. 1784.

Errors excepted,

HENRY WARD.

AGREEABLE to my Appointment, by this Assembly, at their last Session, to settle the Account of *Henry Ward*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Providence*, for Light-Money received, I do report, that I have carefully examined the same, and settled it, as will appear by the above Account. Which is submitted, by

PAUL ALLEN, Committee.

February 28, A. D. 1784.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Sixty-seven Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, due from the said *Henry Ward*, be by him paid unto Mr. *Robert Stevens*, who is re-building the Light-House.

Report on W. Taggart's Account. WHEREAS *John Topham*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly, a State of the Account of *William Taggart*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, together with his Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*:

Dr. State of Rhode-Island, with William Taggart.		
To	Cash paid <i>Robert Stevens</i> , for repairing the	£. 186 16 6
	Light-House, per Receipts,	To

To my Commissions on £. 196 collected, at Five per Centum.	} 9 16 0
	<hr/> £. 196 12 6

Creditor.

1784. } By Light-Money collected from May 12,	} £. 196 0 0
Feb. 4. } A. D. 1783, to February 4, A. D. 1784.	
Balance due to William Taggart,	- 12 6
	<hr/> £. 196 12 6

Newport, February 4, A. D. 1784.

Errors excepted,

Per WILLIAM TAGGART.

THE Subscriber being appointed to settle the Account of *William Taggart*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, reports, that he has carefully examined the Books, and compared the Account with the Vouchers, and finds due thereon to the said *William Taggart* Twelve Shillings and Sixpence, Lawful Money. Which is submitted, by

JOHN TOPHAM, Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted: That the said Balance of Twelve Shillings and Sixpence, be carried to the Credit of the said *William Taggart* in his next Account.

WHEREAS *Thomas Rumreill*, *Ezek Hopkins*, and *Benjamin Bourne*, *S. Talbot* al. Esquires, presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of <sup>lowed £. 492</sup> Lieutenant-Colonel *Silas Talbot*, together with their Report thereon, <sup>18s 5d.</sup> as follow, to wit:

Dr. The United States, in Account with *Silas Talbot*.

To my Pay, as Captain, from January 1, to October 10, A. D. 1777, being 9 Months and 10 Days, at 40 Dollars per Month, is } Dollars.

To Do. as Major, from the 11th of October, A. D. 1777, to November the 14th, A. D. 1778, 13 Months and 3 Days, at 50 Dollars per Month, } 373<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

To Do. as Lieutenant-Colonel, from the 15th November, A. D. 1778, to the 1st of August, A. D. 1780, is 20 Months and 15 Days, at 60 Dollars per Month, } 665

To Do. as Lieutenant-Colonel, from the 15th November, A. D. 1778, to the 1st of August, A. D. 1780, is 20 Months and 15 Days, at 60 Dollars per Month, } 1230

1778. To Cash paid <i>John Reynolds</i> for Cloathing,	2258 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> is £. 677 10 0
	<hr/> 6 1 2
	£. 683 11 2
	Creditor,

	Creditor.	
By Cash received, as Captain in the Army of the	United States,	£. 71 1 6
By Do. as Major, Do.		36 0 0
By Do. as Lieutenant-Colonel,		16 8 6
By <i>John Reynolds's</i> Bill for Cloathing,		67 2 9
		<hr/>
		£. 190 12 9
Balance due to <i>Silas Talbot</i> ,		492 18 5
		<hr/>
		£. 683 11 2

Errors excepted,

SILAS TALBOT.

WE the Subscribers have examined the above Account, and settled it on the same Principles as the Accounts of the other Officers were adjusted, do report, that we find a Balance due thereon to the said *Silas Talbot* of *Four Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence*, Lawful Money.

THOMAS RUMREILL,	} Committee.
ESSEK HOPKINS,	
BENJAMIN BOURNE,	

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to give his promissory Note to the said *Silas Talbot*, for the said Sum of *Four Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence*, Lawful Money, payable on Demand, with Interest from the Sixth Day of *March*, A. D. 1783.

Executions  
stayed where  
Petitions are  
pending.

WHEREAS it is impossible for this Assembly to hear the private Petitions which have been preferred to them, previous to and at the present Session: And whereas divers of the Petitioners have prayed for the staying of Executions and Proceedings: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That upon all Petitions, praying for the staying of Executions and Proceedings, that the same be stayed; and that all Proceedings which will be affected by the granting of any Petition now on File be stayed until such Petition can be heard.

AND it is further *Voted and Resolved*, That all Petitions which were preferred at the last Session of this Assembly, upon which Citations have not been issued, be further referred unto the next Session; and that Citations be issued thereon, as though no Lach had happened.

*N. Greene* allowed  
£. 1730 16s  
3d.

WHEREAS *Essek Hopkins* and *Benjamin Bourne*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of Major-General *Nathaniel Greene*, for the Depreciation of his Wages, together with their Report thereon, as follow, to wit:

Dr.

Dr. The United States, in Account with *Nathaniel Greene*,  
 1780. } To my Wages, as Major-General, from the  
 Aug 1. } 1st of *January*, A. D. 1777, to the 1st of  
*August*, A. D. 1780, 3 Years and 9 } £. 214 8 0  
 Months, at 166 Dollars per Month, is }  
 7138 Dollars,

Creditor.

1777. } By Cash received in Paper-Bills, at the	}	£.	33	2	0	
May. } Pay-Office, 186½ Dollars, is in real Money,						
July. By Do. 200 Dollars, Do.	—		25	2	6	
August. By Do. 200 Dollars, Do.	—		24	0	0	
Sept. By Do. 200 Dollars, Do.	—		15	15	0	
Nov. By Do. 200 Dollars, Do.	—		13	17	6	
Dec. By Do. 1500 Dollars, Do.	—		98	14	9	
1783. } By Do. received of this State, by Order	}		200	0	0	
Dec. } of Assembly,						
			£.	410	11	9
Balance due to <i>Nathaniel Greene</i> ,			1730	16	3	
			£.	2141	8	0

Errors excepted,

NATHANIEL GREENE.

WE the Subscribers, pursuant to our Appointment, report, that we have adjusted the Depreciation-Account of Major-General *Nathaniel Greene*; and that we find a Balance due thereon from the United States to the said *Nathaniel Greene*, of *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money.

ESEK HOPKINS, }  
 BENJAMIN BOURNE, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to give unto the said *Nathaniel Greene* his promissory Note, for the said Sum of *Seven-teen Hundred and Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money, payable on Demand, with Interest.

WHEREAS the Definitive Articles of Peace and Friendship between the United States of *America* and his *Britannic Majesty* have, at the present Session, been officially received from Congress, together with the Approbation and Ratification of Congress thereof: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to issue a Proclamation, making known the same, and the Resolves of Congress thereon, and cause it to be proclaimed by the Sheriffs of the several Counties, in their respective County Towns, on such Day as his Excellency shall appoint.

Resolve up-  
 on the De-  
 finitive  
 Treaty.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly will take into mature Consideration, such Parts of the Recommendations of Congress on the said Definitive Treaty, as the particular Matters so recommended shall call for their Determination.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That this Resolution be published in the *Newport and Providence News-Papers*.

*J. Sheldon* allowed 11s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Eleven Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid Mr. *James Sheldon*, out of the General-Treasury; a Mistake to that Amount having been made to his Prejudice, in calculating his Depreciation, as appears by a Certificate from *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; who was appointed to settle his Account,

Report upon *J. Bowen's* Account. THE Account of the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; was presented unto this Assembly, together with the Report of *Ebenezer Thompson*, Esq; thereon, as follow, *to wit* :

Dr. The State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , in Account with <i>Jabez Bowen</i> .		
1783. } To Cash paid for advertizing the Salt-	} £. 0 6 0	
Dec. 15. } petre House,		
	Do. paid Postage of Public Letters,	0 11 10
1784. } Do. paid <i>George Olney</i> , Esq; for }	} 664 12 11	
Jan. 12. } cloathing Certificates received of }		
	him, which he received of the State,	
	Do. paid <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; in Mr. }	} 374 19 5½
	<i>Morris's</i> Certificates, per his Receipt,	
	Do. paid Messieurs <i>Hoppin</i> and <i>Smart</i> ,	} 0 16 0
	for selling the Saltpetre House, &c.	
Feb. 27. Do. paid <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; in Mr. }	} 45 0 0	
	<i>Morris's</i> Certificates,	
28. Do. paid Do. per Receipt,	108 15 10½	
	To my Commissions on £. 1217 0 6½ }	} 15 4 3
	at 1½ per Centum,	
	Balance due to the State,	6 14 2½
		£. 1217 0 6½

## Creditor.

1783. } By Balance due per Settlement,	} 6 14 3	
June. }		
Dec. 29. By 312lb. of Twine fold <i>Gardner</i> and }	} 15 12 0	
	<i>Bullock</i> , at 1s,	
1784. } By Mr. <i>Morris's</i> Certificates, received }	} 1039 12 4½	
Jan. 17. } of <i>I. Moylan</i> , Clothier-General, for }		
	Cloathing supplied Colonel <i>Olney's</i>	
	Regiment, in the Year 1782,	
	By Do. received of Do. for Transportation }	} 45 14 0
	of Cloathing to Camp,	
	By Amount of the Saltpetre House,	} 31 10 0
	fold at Vendue,	
		Feb.



Feb.	By 320lb. of Twine, sold sundry Per-	
	fons,	
	By Cash received of <i>John Cooke</i> , Esq;	15 10 0
	for <i>Charles Holden's</i> Order on him	
	for Rum,	31 11 9
	By Cash received of <i>Joseph Mathewson</i> ,	
	by the Hands of <i>Captain Israel</i>	
	<i>Bowen</i> , for Part of a Bounty of a	20 2 8
	Defenter,	
	By Cash received of <i>Nathan Miller</i> ,	
	Esq; for <i>Charles Holden's</i> Order for	10 13 6
	61 Gallons of Rum, at $\frac{3}{6}$ ,	
		<hr/>
		£. 1217 0 6 $\frac{1}{2}$

Providence, February 28, A. D. 1784.

Errors excepted,

Per JABEZ BOWEN.

THE Subscriber having carefully examined the above Account, begs Leave to report, that there is due from the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; thereon, the Sum of *Six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny*, to this State.

EBENEZER THOMPSON.

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said Sum of *Six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, be paid by the said *Jabez Bowen*, into the General-Treasury.

THE Account of Mr. *Bennett Wheeler* exhibited unto this Assembly, for publishing Acts of the General Assembly in his News-Paper, &c. being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Bennett Wheeler*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Wheeler*  
allowed £. 1  
17s 6d.  
  
Estate on  
*Block-Island*  
restored to  
*Job Sisson*.

WHEREAS *James M. Varnum* and *William Channing*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Situation of the Estate upon *Block-Island* claimed by Mr. *Job Sisson*, have looked into the Title of the said Estate, and find that the said *Job Sisson's* Mother, in her life Time, was seized of the same in Fee Tail: That since the Commencement of the late War the Estate hath been confiscated, as belonging to *Ackurs Sisson*, a younger Brother of the said *Job Sisson*, upon a Supposition that the same had been passed upon by a common Recovery, in Favour of and vesting the Fee Simple in the said *Ackurs Sisson*: That we have examined the public Offices in the County of *Newport*, and find no Record of such Recovery; and that the said *Job Sisson* is the next Donee in Tail to his Mother, and therefore is entitled to the Estate.

JAMES M. VARNUM, } Committee.  
WILLIAM CHANNING, }

AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Estate be, and hereby is restored to the said *Job Sisson*.

*M. Whit-*  
*marsh* allow-  
ed *L. 3 17s.* THE Account of Mr. *Micah Whitmarsh*, a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for the Time, Horse-Hire, and Expences of himself and Two Aids, in apprehending and carrying to *Washington* County *Thomas Reynolds*, &c. by Order of *Thomas Tillinghast*, Esq; One of the Justices of the Superior Court, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Seventeen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Micah Whitmarsh*, out of the General-Treasury.

Petition of  
*J. Thurston*  
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Thurston*, of *Hopkinton*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, representing, that he now stands committed to Gaol, in the County of *Washington*, for the Deficiency of the Tax due from the said Town of *Hopkinton*: That he hath purchased a Writ from the Clerk of the Inferior Court of the said County, in order to call a Special Court on the Collectors of the said Tax for the Sum due, which Court is to sit on the Eighth Day of *March* next; and that his Family are very sick; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to liberate him from Gaol, until the Time of the Court's sitting, that he may be able to take Care of his distressed Family:

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Thurston* be liberated from Gaol, provided he first put in Suit the Bonds of the Collectors and their Sureties: And that if he shall not recover the deficient Taxes, by the Process against the Collectors and their Bondsmen, within the Time aforesaid, he be then re-committed on the former Execution.

Report on  
*W. Channing's*  
Account.

WHEREAS Mr. *Paul Allen* and *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly, a State of the Account of *William Channing*, Esq; together with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*:

Dr. State of *Rhode-Island* to *William Channing*.  
To Cash paid for Supplies, and Charges against the Hospital,  
for Prisoners brought from *New-York*, *to wit*:  
*Elizabeth Markham*, for Nursing, — £. 5 12 8  
*William Champlin*, jun. for Straw, — 18 0  
*John Townsend*, for Sundries, — 8 16 9  
*William Langley*, for Do. — 4 5 3  
*Benjamin Burdick*, for Cabins, — 1 10 0  
To Cash paid *Christopher Ellery*, for Supplies for }  
Naval Prisoners, } 39 7 4  
Do. Do. Do. — — 29 6 7  
To Cash paid for Supplies, and Charges against  
the Troops stationed at *Newport*, *viz.*  
*Peter Phillips*, for 60 Bushels of Potatoes, 6 1 0  
*Lebbeus Whitney*, for 6 Barrels of Flour, 11 1 9½  
Do. for 2 Barrels of Flour, — 3 10 9  
*William Blifs*, for 6 Bushels of Meal, 1 7 0  
*Joseph*

<i>Joseph Austin</i> , for Freight of Meal, —	0	10	2
<i>Samuel Bisset</i> , Do. —	0	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Joseph Cole</i> , Do. —	1	9	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Cash paid <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; General-Treasurer, }	147	0	0
Do. Do. — —	30	0	0
Do. Do. — —	36	0	0
Do. Do. — —	80	4	3
Do. paid <i>Thomas and Peace Cornell</i> , per Order of the General Assembly, }	22	15	0
Do. paid <i>William Tew</i> , for the Rent of the Lot late <i>Isaac Lawton's</i> , assigned to Colonel <i>Angell's</i> Regiment, }	5	5	0
Do. paid <i>John Lawton</i> , for the Use of his House, in adjusting Claims against Absentees, }	9	6	0
To Cash paid <i>Freelove Cornell</i> , on Account of her Dower of the Farm late <i>Gervus Elam's</i> , }	12	0	0
Do. Do. — —	7	10	0
Do. Do. — —	3	15	0
Do. Do. — —	1	18	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Do. Do. — —	18	12	0
Do. Do. being in full of what was due on the 25th of <i>March</i> last, }	18	18	0
To Cash paid <i>Sarah Wanton</i> , on Account of Rent allowed by the General Assembly, }	5	18	0
Do. Do. — —	12	18	10
Do. Do. — —	0	12	0
To Cash paid <i>Eunice Hazard</i> , on Account of Rent allowed her by the General Assembly, }	13	18	0
Do. Do. — —	7	2	0
Do. Do. — —	15	0	7
Do. Do. being in full for said Allowance to the 25th of <i>March</i> last, }	1	4	3
To 3 days Attendance, as One of the Committee in leasing the real Estates, in Possession of the State, in the Years 1780, 81, and 82, at 12s, }	1	16	0
To my Time and Trouble, in receiving and delivering, agreeable to the Orders of the Assembly, 354 Bushels of Corn, 881lb. of Pork, and 28,744 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Beef, and in procuring the same to be salted, as appears by Accounts adjusted, }	9	0	0
To my Time and Trouble, in receiving and adjusting the Rents of confiscated Estates, and in commencing Twenty-two Actions for the Recovery thereof, }	36	8	0
To Cash paid in the Prosecution of an Action, at Kent Court, the Treasurer of the <i>French Army</i> versus <i>Thomas Arnold</i> , &c. }	2	2	4

Balance due to the State,

£. 613 6 3 $\frac{1}{4}$   
18 3 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

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£. 631 10 1  
Creditor.

## Creditor.

By Cash received of <i>Alexander Hamilton</i> , on Account of the Rent of the House late <i>T. Bannister's</i> ,	} £.	17	2	0
Do. Do. — — —		11	14	0
Do. Do. — — —		4	10	0
Do. Do. — — —		3	13	0
Do. of <i>George Martin</i> , for the Rent of <i>Bannister's</i> Lot,	}	9	0	0
Do. of <i>Thomas Corey</i> , on Account of Rent of <i>Aquacut Farm</i> ,	}	33	0	0
Do. Do. — — —		30	0	0
Do. Do. — — —		18	0	0
Do. Do. — — —		15	8	0
Do. on Account of a Judgment against him,		58	12	1
Do. on Account of Rent of the said Farm,		39	0	0
Do. Do. — — —		6	0	0
Do. Do. — — —		30	0	0
Do. Do. — — —		51	0	0
Do. Do. — — —		9	0	0
Do. Do. — — —		40	5	11
Do. of <i>Job Watson</i> , for the Balance of his Rent,		15	0	0
Do. of <i>Benjamin Easton</i> , for the Rent of <i>T. Hazard's House</i> ,	}	21	0	0
Do. of <i>George Clarke</i> , for the Rent of <i>James Clarke's House</i> ,	}	9	0	0
Do. of <i>Peter Mumford</i> , for the Rent of <i>Isaac Lawton's Lot</i> ,	}	21	6	0
Do. of <i>Standfast Wyatt</i> , for the Rent of <i>J. Andrews's House</i> ,	}	3	12	0
Do. Do. — — —		18	0	0
Do. for the Rent of <i>Honeyman's Lot</i> , in the Years 1781, and 82,	}	18	0	0
Do. of <i>Richard Woodman</i> , for the Rent of <i>G. Elam's Farm</i> , in the Year 1781,	}	12	9	0
Do. of <i>Peleg Wood</i> , for the Rent of <i>John Watson's Wharf</i> ,	}	9	0	0
Do. of <i>Elisba Gibb's</i> , for the Rent of <i>Bannister's Lot</i> ,		1	10	0
Do. Do. for 3 Acres of <i>Honeyman's Lot</i> ,		3	3	0
Do. of <i>John Fry</i> , for the Rent of <i>Bannister's</i> and <i>Macdusley's</i> Lots,	}	18	12	0
Do. of <i>James Burdick</i> and <i>Caleb Coggeshall</i> , for the Rent of 2 Acres of <i>Bannister's Lot</i> ,	}	3	0	0
Do. of <i>George Champlin</i> , for the Rent of <i>Lynn Martin's House</i> ,	}	16	4	0
Do. of <i>James Burdick</i> , for the Rent of <i>Thomas Hazard's House</i> ,	}	6	0	0
Do. of <i>John Greene</i> for Rent of 1 Acre of <i>Honeyman's Lot</i> ,	}	1	1	0
Do. of <i>John Borden</i> , for the Rent of <i>G. Elam's Farm</i> , in the Year 1782,	}	22	15	0
Do. of <i>James Gould</i> , for the Rent of a Shop, late belonging to <i>Joseph</i> and <i>William Wanton</i> ,	}	8	17	6
			Do.	

Do. of <i>Benjamin Easton</i> , on Account of the Rent of <i>T. Hazard's</i> House,	}	16	4	10
Do. of <i>William Ellery</i> , on Account of the Rent of <i>J. Mawdsley's</i> House,				
Do. of <i>John Lawton</i> , for the Rent of <i>Isaac Law-</i> <i>ton's</i> Lot,	}	15	0	0
Do. of <i>John Borden</i> , on Account of the Rent of <i>G. Elam's</i> Farm, in the Year 1782,				
		5	5	0
		10	5	9
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£.631 10 1				

Errors excepted,

WILLIAM CHANNING.

AGREEABLE to our Appointment, to settle the Account of *William Channing*, Esq; we do report, that we have examined the same, and find a Balance due thereon to the State, of the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Three Shillings and Ninepence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, which is submitted, by

PAUL ALLEN, }  
ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Three Shillings and Ninepence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, found due on the said Account, be paid by the said *William Channing*, into the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasury be, and he is hereby directed, on Application, to draw Orders on any of the Collectors of Impost in the several Counties, for the Amount of One Year's Interest on any of the State Securities, whereof Interest for One Year hath not been paid, in Favour of any Persons possessed of such Securities, and indorse the same thereon; and that the said Orders be received at the Impost-Offices in Payment of Duties.

General-  
Treasurer to  
draw on the  
Impost-Of-  
ficers.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Wells*, *William Channing*, and *Rose J. Helme*, Esquires, or any Two of them, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to lease out all the Estates belonging to this State, lying in the Counties of *Newport* and *Washington*; excepting the House in which *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; lives.

Committee  
to lease con-  
fiscated Es-  
tates.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Jonathan Arnold*, Esq; be, and he is hereby allowed Interest, at and after the Rate of Six *per Centum* *per Annum*, upon the Money which is due unto him for his Services, as a Delegate for this State in Congress, from the Time his Account was adjusted until the same shall be paid.

*J. Arnold* al-  
lowed Inter-  
est.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of One Pound Fifteen *J. Stanton*, Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esq; out of the General-Treasury, for that Sum which he paid Mr. *Daniel Saunders*, for repairing Arms belonging to the Troops in Service, in the Year 1776.

jun. allowed

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Deputy-Governor to sell Sulphur. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be, and he is hereby appointed, to sell a Quantity of Sulphur belonging to this State at Public Vendue; and that he pay the Amount of the Sales thereof into the General-Treasury.

*W. Simmons* allowed 12s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Twelve Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto Mr. William Simmons, out of the General-Treasury, for his Services in repairing the Powder-House, in Providence.

*E. Bowen*, jun. allowed £. 8 11 6d. *THE Account of Ephraim Bowen*, jun. Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session; for repairing the Court-House in the said County, &c. being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Eight Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence Halfpenny, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said Ephraim Bowen, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

Sheriff of the County of Providence to purchase Blankets. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Providence be, and he is hereby directed, to purchase Twelve Blankets, for the Use of the poor Prisoners confined in the Gaol in said County, at the Suit of the Governor and Company; and that he lay an Account of the Expence thereof before this Assembly.

*B. Bourne* allowed £. 3 5s 8d. *THE Account of Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly, for his Attendance, as Clerk of the Lower-House, at the present Session, &c. being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Three Pounds Eight Shillings and Eightpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said Benjamin Bourne, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Hopkins* allowed £. 18. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Account of Mr. Asa Hopkins, Keeper of the Gaol, in the County of Providence, exhibited unto this Assembly, for supporting divers Prisoners, committed to said Goal, &c. be referred to Essek Hopkins, Esq; and Mr. William Waterman; and that they make report thereon to the next Session: And that the Sum of Eighteen Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said Asa Hopkins, out of the General-Treasury, on the said Account, and be deducted therefrom.

*D. Branch* allowed £. 3 11 6d. *THE Account of Mr. Daniel Branch* exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance upon the present Session, as a Waiter, and cleaning the Court-House, &c. being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Three Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said Daniel Branch, out of the General-Treasury.

*M. Brown* allowed £. 6 12s 4d. *THE Account of Mr. Moses Brown*, charged against Ephraim Bowen, jun. Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence, exhibited unto this Assembly, for Three Hundred and Ninety-seven Loads of Dirt, for the Court-House Lot, in the said County, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Six Pounds Twelve Shillings and Fourpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto

unto the said *Ephraim Bowen*, jun. out of the General-Treasury, to be by him paid unto the said *Moses Brown*.

WHEREAS *George Peirce*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the Report of following Report, and Account for his Services, to wit: *G. Peirce.*

THE Subscriber being appointed by the General Assembly, at *November* Session, A. D. 1782, to examine into the several Mortgage Deeds and Bonds, in the Town of *Exeter*, whether any Money is due to this State, reports, that on the Eleventh Day of *April*, A. D. 1774, *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the then County of *King's-County*, sold at Public Vendue, One certain Tract of Land, lying in the said Town of *Exeter*, said to contain Twenty-Eight Acres, more or less, bounded, Easterly on a Highway, Southerly, partly on *John Chapman*, and partly on *Moses Slocum*, Westerly, on *Francis West*, and Northerly, partly on *Stephen Albro*, and partly on *Simeon Babcock*: That the Conditions of Sale were, that the Purchaser should immediately pay down the Sum of *Twenty-four Shillings*, as Earnest-Money, and the Remainder by the Twentieth Day of *May* next after that Date: That thereupon a Deed should be given by the General-Treasurer of the Premises; but that in Failure thereof the Money should be forfeited: That the Land was struck off to *John Chapman*, Esq; who was the highest Bidder, for the Sum of *Sixty-five Dollars*, and the *Twenty-four Shillings* paid down, as appears by the Sheriff's Receipt; and that nothing hath been done since. All which is submitted, by

GEORGE PEIRCE.

*Exeter*, February 24, A. D. 1784.

The State Dr. to *George Peirce*,  
For his Time in performing the above Service, £. 0 12 0

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Washington* immediately advertise the said Lands for Sale: That he sell the same, and give a Deed thereof, agreeable to Law: That he pay the said Sum of *Twelve Shillings* out of the Monies arising from the Sales, unto *George Peirce*, Esq; for his Services, and the Remainder into the General-Treasury.

THE Account of Mr. *William Compton* exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance on the present Session, as a Waiter, being allowed *W. Compton*  
allowed £. 1  
16s. duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Compton*, out of the General-Treasury.

THE Account of Mr. *Rufus Sprague*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for conveying Three *R. Sprague*  
allowed £. 20s. Persons from *Providence* to *Kent Court*, and returning Two of them back, by the Order of this Assembly, at the Session in *October* last, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Rufus Sprague*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Peabody* THE Account of *William Peabody* exhibited unto this Assembly, allowed £.1 for his Attendance upon the present Session, as a Waiter, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Peabody*, out of the General-Treasury.

Election to be held at *Newport*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Assembly, which by Law is to convene on the First *Wednesday* in *May* next, meet in the Town of *Newport*.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties ; And that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby adjourned, to the *Tuesday* preceeding the First *Wednesday* in *May* next, then to meet at *Newport* ; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is dissolved.

GOD save the United States of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS,

*Henry Wardlaw*







May, 1784.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four, and in the Eighth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

*Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :  
George Hazard, *Esq*;  
Henry Marchant, *Esq*;  
Mr. George Champlin,  
John Topham, *Esq*;  
Mr. Peleg Clarke,  
Mr. Daniel Mason.

PROVIDENCE :  
Joseph Nightingale, *Esq*;  
Mr. Paul Allen,  
Ebenezer Thompson, *Esq*;

WARWICK :  
John Warner, *Esq*;  
Mr. Thomas Remington,  
Benjamin Arnold, *jun. Esq*;  
Mr. David Wightman.

PORTSMOUTH :  
Mr. Joseph Cundall,  
Mr. William Anthony, *jun.*  
Mr. Burrington Anthony,  
Mr. Holder Chace.

WESTERLY :  
Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;  
Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM :  
None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :  
Mr. Stukely Westcott,  
Mr. John Allen.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :  
Rowse J. Helme, *Esq*;  
Mr. Rowland Brown.

EAST-GREENWICH :  
Archibald Crary, *Esq*;  
Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :  
Mr. Benjamin Remington,  
Mr. John Weeden.

SMITHFIELD :  
Stephen Arnold, *Esq*;  
Elifha Mowry, *Esq*;

SCITUATE :  
Rufus Hopkins, *Esq*;  
William West, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER :  
Mr. Stephen Steere.

CHARLESTOWN :  
Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq*;  
Samuel Crofs, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :  
Jonathan Comstock, *Esq*;  
Samuel Hopkins, *jun. Esq*;

COVENTRY :  
John Rice, *Esq*;

EXETER :  
Job Wilcox, *Esq*;  
Pardon Tillinghast, *Esq*;

MIDDLETOWN :  
Mr. Benjamin Gardner,  
Mr. William Taggart, *jun.*

BRISTOL :  
William Bradford, *Esq*;  
Nathaniel Fales, *Esq*;

TIVERTON :  
Lemuel Bailey, *Esq*;  
Mr. Benjamin Howland.

LITTLE-COMPTON :  
Mr. Daniel Wilbour,  
Mr. Joseph Giffard.

WARREN :  
Robert Carr, *Esq*;

CUMBERLAND :  
Nathaniel Shepardson, *Esq*;

RICHMOND :  
Robert Stanton, *Esq*;  
Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :  
Mr. Matthew Manchester,  
Mr. William Field.

HOPKINTON :  
Mr. Oliver Davis,  
Mr. John Brown.

JOHNSTON :  
Mr. Emor Olney,  
Mr. Edward Manton.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :  
Esek Hopkins, *Esq*;  
Hope Angell, *Esq*;

BARRINGTON :  
Samuel Allen, *Esq*;

FOSTER :  
Mr. John Williams,  
William Tyler, *Esq*;

*The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; was chosen Speaker; and*

*BENJAMIN BOURNE, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*

**T**HIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, both civil Officers cho-  
and military, in and throughout the State, for the ensuing Year, *sen.*  
the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were  
chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit:*

His Excellency *William Greene*, Esq; Governor. Engaged.  
The Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor. Engaged.  
*Welcome Arnold*, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.  
*Thomas Wells*, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.  
*Joseph Brown*, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.  
*Richard Searle*, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.  
*Gideon Mumford*, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.  
*William Hammond*, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.  
*Enoch Hazard*, Esq; Seventh Assistant.  
*Thomas G. Hazard*, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.  
*John Cooke*, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.  
*John Smith* (of Gloucester) Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.  
*Henry Ward*, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.  
*William Channing*, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.  
*Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer.

Delegates to represent the State in Congress.

The Honorable *William Ellery*, Esq;  
The Honorable *David Howell*, Esq;  
The Honorable *Henry Marchant*, Esq;  
The Honorable *John Brown*, Esq;

*Gideon Clarke*, Esq; Seventh Assistant, in the Room of *Enoch Hazard*,  
Esq; who declined.

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<i>Peter Phillips</i> , Esq; Second		
<i>Thomas Tillinghast</i> , Esq; Third		
<i>Pardon Gray</i> , Esq; Fourth		
<i>Jonathan Jenckes</i> , Esq; Fifth		

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<i>Timothy Waterhouse</i> , Esq; Third		
<i>Thomas Shearman</i> , Esq; Fourth		
<i>Henry Blys</i> , Esq; Fifth		

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<i>Caleb Aldrich</i> , Esq; Third		
<i>Caleb Fisk</i> , Esq; Fourth		
<i>Caleb Harris</i> , Esq; Fifth		

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<i>Abel Tanner</i> , Esq; Third		
<i>Robert Potter</i> , Esq; Fourth		
<i>Sylvester Gardner</i> , Esq; Fifth		

*John*

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<i>William T. Miller</i> , Esq; Third	
<i>Elkanah Humphrey</i> , Esq; Fourth	
<i>Shearjashub Bourne</i> , Esq; Fifth	

<i>Stephen Potter</i> , Esq; Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Ses- sions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> .
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*Hopkins*

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*William Davis*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

*Ephraim Bowen*, jun. Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

*Beriab Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*.

*Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

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*Stephen Mumford*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *East-Greenwich*.

*Christopher Ellery*, Esq; Public-Notary for the Town and County of *Newport*.

*Samuel Chace*, Esq; Public-Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

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PROVIDENCE :

Samuel Chace,  
John Foster,  
Theodore Foster,  
Nathaniel Wheaton;  
James Arnold,  
Thomas Truman,  
James Brown,  
Daniel Cooke,  
John Dorrance, *Esquires*.

PORTSMOUTH :

John Thurston,  
William Anthony, *jun*.  
Thomas Potter,  
George Brownell, *Esquires*.

WARWICK :

Thomas Rice,  
Adam Comstock,  
Robert Rhodes,  
James Jerauld,  
Thomas Green (*Son of Richard*)  
*Esquires*.

WESTERLY :

Joseph Crandall,  
Joseph Clarke,  
Joseph Maxson,  
Christopher Babcock,  
Joshua Vose, *Esquires*.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Eber Shearman,  
George Thomas (*Son of Samuel*)  
Joshua Davis,  
Nathan Brown,  
Thomas Clarke,  
Benedict Dayton, *Esquires*.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Freeman Perry,  
Nathaniel Gardner,  
Samuel Perry,  
James Sheldon,  
John Sheldon,  
Caleb Telft,  
George H. Peckham, *Esquires*.

EAST-

## EAST-GREENWICK :

Hopkins Cooke,  
 Preferred Pearce,  
 Allen Johnson,  
 Mumford Davis,  
 Anarew Boyd, *Esquires.*

## SMITHFIELD :

Uriah Alverfon,  
 Edward Thompson,  
 Stephen Brayton,  
 Abraham Mathewson,  
 Peleg Arnold,  
 Jonathan Angell, *Esquires.*

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Silas Williams,  
 Jonathan Harris,  
 Zebedee Hopkins,  
 Elisha Bartlet,  
 Aaron Arnold,  
 John Smith (*Son of Benjamin*)  
 Timothy Wilmarth,  
 Amos Winfor,  
 William Arnold, *Esquires.*

## CHARLESTOWN :

Peleg Crofs,  
 Jaimes Congdon,  
 Simeon Babcock, *Esquires.*

## WEST-GREENWICH :

Benjamin Johnson,  
 Jonathan Niles,  
 Jonathan Deane,  
 Thomas Joflyn,  
 Gideon Waite,  
 Thomas Tillinghaft, *Esquires.*

## COVENTRY :

John Rice,  
 William Stone,  
 Jonathan Olin,  
 Isaac Johnson,  
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 Thomas Peckham,  
 Robert Cornell, *Esquires.*

## BRISTOL :

Daniel Bradford,  
 Josiah Finney,  
 Jonathan Russell, *Esquires.*

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 Gilbert Devol,  
 Lemuel Tabor,

Thomas Durfee,  
 Benjamin Jenckes,  
 John Stafford, *Esquires.*

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

Aaron Wilbur,  
 Adam Simmons,  
 Enos Giffard,  
 Isaac Baley, *Esquires.*

## WARREN :

William Barton,  
 Daniel Cole,  
 Shubael Burr,  
 Joseph Smith, *Esquires.*

## CUMBERLAND :

John Dexter,  
 Peter Darling,  
 Nathaniel Shepardon,  
 Jotham Carpenter,  
 Levi Ballou, *Esquires.*

## RICHMOND :

Robert Stanton,  
 Thomas Tefft,  
 Joseph Woodmansie, *jun.*  
 Simeon Clarke, *jun.*  
 Peter Clarke, *Esquires.*

## CRANSTON :

Nehemiah Knight,  
 Elisha Carpenter,  
 Stephen Sprague,  
 Richard Knight,  
 John Stafford, *Esquires.*

## HOPKINTON :

Edward Wells,  
 Robert Burdick,  
 Henry Clarke,  
 Samuel Babcock,  
 William Tanner,  
 Benjamin Crandall, *Esquires.*

## JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap,  
 Noah Mathewson,  
 Peleg Williams,  
 Andrew Harris,  
 Joseph Borden, *jun.*  
 Israel Angell, *Esquires.*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

William Bagley,  
 Hope Angell,  
 Caleb Jenckes, *Esquires.*

## BARRINGTON :

Samuel Allen,  
 Edward Bosworth,

Solomon



Solomon Townsend, *jun.*  
Moses Tyler, *Esquires.*  
FOSTER :  
John Westcott,

William Tyler,  
Nathaniel Phillips,  
Nehemiah Arnold, *Esquires.*

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*Stephen*

*Stephen Kimball*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

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*Curtis Cole*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*Job Randall*, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Thomas Gorton*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

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*Robert Carr*, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*Archibald Crary*, Esq; Adjutant-General of the Militia in this State.

*Ephraim Bowen*, jun. Esq; Quarter-Master General of the Militia in this State.

*Charles Holden*, jun. Esq; Commissary-General of the Militia in this State.

*Isaac Senter*, Esq; Physician and Purveyor-General of the Militia in this State.

OFFICERS to command the several Companies in the respective Regiments of Militia in the State, to wit:

**First Regiment in the County of Providence.**

PROVIDENCE :

Senior Class Company,  
Benjamin Hoppin, *Captain*.  
Samuel Black, *Lieutenant*.  
Gabriel Allen, *Ensign*.  
First Company,  
Joseph Allen, *Captain*.  
Isaac Bowen, *Lieutenant*.  
Jeremiah Jenckes, *Ensign*.  
Second Company,  
Grindal Reynolds, *Captain*.  
Robert Taylor, *jun. Lieutenant*.  
John Young, *Ensign*.  
Third Company,  
Benjamin Wheaton, *Captain*.  
Seth Wheaton, *Lieutenant*.  
Simeon H. Olney, *Ensign*.  
Fourth Company,  
Joseph Snow, *jun. Captain*.  
Lemuel Field, *Lieutenant*.  
James Snow, *jun. Ensign*.

CRANSTON :

Senior Class Company,  
John Burton, *jun. Captain*.  
William Burton, *Lieutenant*.  
Elisba Carpenter, *Ensign*.  
First Company,  
Oliver Roberts, *Captain*.  
Nathan Salisbury, *Lieutenant*.  
Peter Stone, *jun. Ensign*.  
Second Company,  
Frederick Williams, *Captain*.  
Nathaniel Carpenter, *Lieutenant*.  
John Harris, *Ensign*.  
Third Company,  
Nehemiah Burlingame, *Captain*.  
Pardon Burlingame, *Lieutenant*.  
Gideon Manchester, *Ensign*.  
Senior Class Company in the  
Towns of Johnston, and North-  
Providence.

Israel Angell, *Captain*.  
John Violl, *Lieutenant*.  
Christopher Whipple, *Ensign*.

JOHNSTON :

Second Company,  
Ezekiel Olney, *Captain*.

Jonathan Patt, *Lieutenant*.  
Rufus Hawkins, *jun. Ensign*.  
North-Providence Company,  
Thomas Olney, *jun. Captain*.  
Ethan Whipple, *Lieutenant*.  
Ezekiel Whipple, *Ensign*.  
First Regiment in the County of  
Washington.

WESTERLY :

Senior Class Company,  
Peleg Berry, *Captain*.  
Stephen Saunders, *Lieutenant*.  
Nathaniel Lewis, *Ensign*.  
First Company,  
Oliver Lewis, *Captain*.  
Thomas Brand, *Lieutenant*.  
Nathan Pendleton, *Ensign*.  
Second Company,  
William Bliven, *Captain*.  
Joseph Peckham, *Lieutenant*.  
Edward Ross, *Ensign*.

Third Company,  
George Stillman, *Captain*.  
Asa Maxson, *Lieutenant*.  
Samuel Clarke, *Ensign*.  
Fourth Company,  
Walter White, *Captain*.  
Charles Saunders, *Lieutenant*.  
Henry Crandall, *Ensign*.

CHARLESTOWN :

Senior Class Company,  
Joseph Wilcox, *Captain*.  
Samuel Thompson, *Lieutenant*.  
Charles Church, *Ensign*.  
Second Company,  
Beriah Lewis, *Captain*.  
Peleg Cross, *Lieutenant*.  
William Kinyon, *Ensign*.

HOPKINTON :

Senior Class Company,  
Elnathan Wells, *Captain*.  
Eliza Coote, *Lieutenant*.  
Jesse Burdick, *Ensign*.  
First Company,  
Henry Wells, *Captain*.  
Sylvanus Maxson, *Lieutenant*.  
Thomas Wells, *jun. Ensign*.  
Second Company,  
Randall Wells, *Captain*.

C

Clarke

Clarke Maxson, *Lieutenant*.  
 Jeffery Champlin, *Ensign*.  
     Third Company,  
 Zaccheus Maxson, *Captain*.  
 Moses Barber, *Lieutenant*.  
 George Maxson, *Ensign*.  
     Fourth Company,  
 Ichabod Paddock, *Captain*.  
 Caleb Church, *Lieutenant*.  
 Joshua Tanner, *Ensign*.  
 Regiment in the County of *Bristol*.  
     Senior Class Company,  
 Benjamin Bosworth, *Captain*.  
 Shubael Kinnicut, *Lieutenant*.  
 Daniel Kinnicut, *Ensign*.  
     WARREN :  
     First Company,  
 Thomas Easterbrooks, *Captain*.  
 Barnabas Luther, *Lieutenant*.  
 Allen Cole, *Ensign*.  
     Second Company,  
 David Barton, *Captain*.  
 Ichabod Cole, *Lieutenant*.  
 Edward Mafon, *Ensign*.  
     BARRINGTON Company.  
 John Short, *jun. Captain*.  
 George Salisbury, *Lieutenant*.  
 Abel Grant, *Ensign*.  
 First Regiment in the County of  
     *Kent*.  
 Senior Class Company in the  
     Towns of *Warwick and East-*  
     *Greenwich*.  
 Robert Rhodes, *Captain*.  
 Hopkins Cooke, *Lieutenant*.  
 Philip Wightman, *Ensign*.  
     WARWICK :  
     First Company,  
 James Arnold, *jun. Captain*.  
 Adam Lockwood, *Lieutenant*.  
 Job Whipple, *Ensign*.  
     Second Company,  
 John Stafford, *Captain*.  
 Benjamin Remington, *Lieutenant*.  
 Nathan Arnold, *Ensign*.  
     Third Company,  
 Thomas Rice (*Son of Thomas*)  
     *Captain*.  
 Anthony Holden (*Son of Charles*)  
     *Lieutenant*.  
 Robert Edmonds, *Ensign*.

EAST-GREENWICH :  
     First Company,  
 Micah Whitmarsh, *Captain*.  
 Edward Weeden, *Lieutenant*.  
 John Hall, *Ensign*.  
     Second Company,  
 Allen Johnson, *Captain*.  
 Mumford Davis, *Lieutenant*.  
 Josiah Jones, *jun. Ensign*.  
 Second Regiment in the County  
     of *Newport*.  
     TIVERTON :  
     First Company,  
 Joseph Baley, *Captain*,  
 Sanford Almy, *Lieutenant*.  
 William Sanford, *jun. Ensign*.  
     Second Company,  
 Benjamin Howland, *Captain*.  
 Benjamin Devol, *Lieutenant*.  
 Elihu Giffard, *Ensign*.  
     Third Company,  
 Humphry Shearman, *Captain*.  
 Edward Baley, *Lieutenant*.  
 Peleg Sanford, *Ensign*.  
     LITTLE-COMPTON :  
     First Company,  
 Benjamin Coc, *Captain*.  
 Isaac Wood, *Lieutenant*.  
 John Baley, *Ensign*.  
     Second Company,  
 Rowse Peirce, *Captain*.  
 John Pierce, *Lieutenant*.  
 Zebedee Manchester, *Ensign*.  
 Second Regiment in the County  
     of *Providence*.  
     SMITHFIELD :  
     Senior Class Company,  
 Job Mowry, *Captain*.  
 George Streeter, *Lieutenant*.  
 Abraham Winsor, *jun. Ensign*.  
     Second Company,  
 Ebenezer Trask, *Captain*.  
 Joel Aldrich, *Lieutenant*.  
 Samuel Aldrich (5th) *Ensign*.  
 Second Regiment in the County  
     of *Washington*.  
     NORTH-KINGSTOWN :  
     Senior Class Company,  
 Samuel Phillips, *sen. Captain*.  
 Samuel Northup, *Lieutenant*.  
 Thomas Bissell, *Ensign*.

First

First Company,  
 Samuel Dyre, *Captain*.  
 William Davis (*Son of Benjamin*)  
*Lieutenant*.  
 Stukely Hill, *Ensign*.  
 Second Company,  
 John Brown, *jun. Captain*.  
 Third Company,  
 Henry Northup, *Captain*.  
 Hutchinson Cole, *Lieutenant*.  
 Samuel Allen, *Ensign*.  
 Fourth Company,  
 Nathaniel Shearman, *Captain*.  
 John Havens, *Lieutenant*.  
 John Shearman (*Son of Henry*)  
*Ensign*.

EXETER :

Senior Class Company,  
 David Herrenden, *Captain*.  
 Samuel Bissell, *Lieutenant*.  
 Oliver Spink, *Ensign*.  
 First Company,  
 James Gardner, *Captain*.  
 Philip Tillinghast, *Lieutenant*.  
 Noah Wilcox, *Ensign*.  
 Second Company,  
 Samuel Gorton, *Captain*.  
 Robert Perrigo, *Lieutenant*.  
 Benjamin Brown, *Ensign*.  
 Second Regiment in the County  
 of Kent.

WEST-GREENWICH :

Senior Class Company,  
 Joseph Hopkins, *jun. Captain*.  
 Benjamin Johnson, *Lieutenant*.  
 Caleb Greene (*Son of Benjamin*)  
*Ensign*.

First Company,  
 Samuel Hopkins, *jun. Captain*.  
 Joseph Niles, *Lieutenant*.  
 Joseph Doliver, *Ensign*.  
 Second Company,  
 Caleb Greene, *Captain*.  
 Joseph Weaver, *Lieutenant*.  
 Peleg Sweet, *Ensign*.  
 Third Company,  
 Joseph Draper, *Captain*.  
 Joseph Weaver, *Lieutenant*.  
 Peleg Sweet, *Ensign*.

COVENTRY :

Senior Class Company,  
 Abel Bennet, *Captain*.

Job Greene, *Lieutenant*.  
 Joseph Manchester, *Ensign*.  
 Second Company,  
 William Roy, *Captain*.  
 Lory Jenckes, *Lieutenant*.  
 Oliver Wickes, *Ensign*.  
 Third Company,  
 Langford Weaver, *Captain*.  
 Samuel Greene (*Son of Nathaniel*)  
*Lieutenant*.  
 William Stone (3d) *Ensign*.  
 Fourth Company,  
 Asaph Bennet, *Captain*.  
 Joseph Rice, *Lieutenant*.  
 Samuel Gibbs, *Ensign*.  
 Third Regiment in the County of  
 Providence.

FOSTER :

First Company,  
 Simeon Herrenden, *Captain*.  
 Isaac Blanchard, *Lieutenant*.  
 John Perkins, *Ensign*.  
 Second Company,  
 Isaac Paine, *Captain*.  
 John Cole, *Lieutenant*.  
 Richard Cole, *Ensign*.  
 Third Company,  
 William Howard, *Captain*.  
 James Wells, *Lieutenant*.  
 Samuel Perkins, *jun. Ensign*.  
 Fourth Company,  
 Christopher Colwell, *Captain*.  
 Squire Bucklin, *jun. Lieutenant*.  
 John Round, *jun. Ensign*.  
 Third Regiment in the County of  
 Washington.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Senior Class Company,  
 William Taylor, *Captain*.  
 Gardner W. Mumford, *Lieutenant*.  
 James Cotterell, *Ensign*.  
 First Company,  
 Timothy Lock, *jun. Captain*.  
 Daniel Tefft, *Lieutenant*.  
 William Stedman, *Ensign*.  
 Second Company,  
 Paris Gardner, *Captain*.  
 Elifha Potter (*Son of Benjamin*)  
*Lieutenant*.  
 Timothy Peckham, *Ensign*.  
 Third Company,  
 Godfrey Hazard, *Captain*.

Thomas

Thomas Champlin, *Lieutenant*.  
Joseph Hall, *jun. Ensign*.

Fourth Company,  
Daniel Shearman, *Captain*.  
Jeremiah Knowles, *Lieutenant*.  
John Gardner, *jun. Ensign*.

RICHMOND:  
Senior Clafs Company,  
John Woodmanfie, *jun. Captain*.  
Smiting Potter, *Lieutenant*.  
Christopher Clarke, *Ensign*.

First Company,  
Afa Clarke, *Captain*.  
Daniel Potter, *Lieutenant*.  
Ezekiel Barber, *Ensign*.  
Second Company,  
Samuel Stanton, *Captain*.  
Thomas W. Kinyon, *Lieut*.  
Thomas Potter, *Ensign*.

Fourth Regiment in the County  
of Providence.

GLOUCESTER :

Senior Clafs Company,  
Benajah Whipple, *Captain*.  
Ezekiel Phettiplace, *Lieutenant*.  
Edward Salsbury, *Ensign*.

First Company,  
Henry Wheeler, *Captain*.  
Simeon Bowen, *Lieutenant*.  
Jeremiah Phillips, *jun. Ensign*.

Second Company,  
Arnold Smith, *Captain*.  
Abner Chillson, *Lieutenant*.  
Isracl Cooke, *Ensign*.

Third Company,  
Nathaniel Wade, *Captain*.  
John Pray, *Lieutenant*.  
Efek Brown, *Ensign*.

Fourth Company,  
Isaac Rofs, *Captain*.  
Jeremiah Irons, *Lieutenant*.  
Seth Rofs, *Ensign*.



## An A C T to incorporate the Town of *Newport* into a City.

Act to incor-  
porate *New-*  
*port* into a Ci-  
ty.

WHEREAS it is indispenfibly neceffary that many Regula-  
tions fhould be made for the Prefervation of the Peace and  
good Order of the Town of *Newport*, and for promoting the In-  
tereft and Profperity thereof: And whereas, under the prefent Govern-  
ment of the faid Town, it hath been found impracticable to devife,  
confider, deliberate and determine, upon all fuch Laws and Regu-  
lations as the Emergencies of the faid Town may, from Time to  
Time, require :

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Affembly, and by the Autho-  
rity thereof it is Enacted, That from and after the Firft Tuefday of June*  
next, the Freemen of the Town of *Newport*, and refiding in the faid  
Town, fhall be deemed, and they are hereby conftituted and declared  
to be, a Body politic and corporate, in Fact and Name. And the faid  
Town fhall forever thereafter be called and known by the Name of  
the City of *Newport*; and fhall be divided into the following Wards,  
*to wit*: First. That Part of the faid Town of *Newport* to the South-  
ward of the Lane or Street called *Carr's Lane*, extending from the  
Lower Market-Houfe to the Beach. Second. From the South-Side  
of faid Lane or Street to the Street and Highway extending from the  
Brick Market-Houfe Eaftward by the Synagogue to *Easton's Gate*,  
including

including the said Lane and Highway, and the Houses, Buildings and Lots, adjoining the same. Third. That Part of the said Town to the Northward and Eastward of the Second Ward, and to the Eastward of that Part of *Thames-Street* extending North of the Brick Market-House, and of the Lane leading by the Alms-House. Fourth. That Part of the said Town to the Westward of the Third Ward, including the Houses and Lots on the West Side of *Thames-Street*, and on the Long-Wharff. *Provided nevertheless, and it is further Enacted*, That the City-Council, hereafter to be appointed, be and they are hereby fully empowered to make any such Alterations in the Boundaries and Limits of the said Wards as they shall think proper, and most for the Advantage and Convenience of the said City.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That on the First *Tuesday* in *June* next, and on every First *Tuesday* in *June* hereafter, the Freeman of the said City, in legal Meeting assembled, shall, out of the Freeman of the said City, choose a Mayor, Four Aldermen, Six Common-Council Men, and a City-Clerk. And, in case of the Death or Resignation of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council Men, or City-Clerk, who shall be chosen, or of any of them who shall be hereafter chosen into their Places, or any of them, a Meeting of the said City shall be held, at such Time and Place as the By-Laws of the said City shall direct, for filling up such Vacancy.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the Mayor, as often as Occasion shall require, shall summon the Aldermen and Common-Council of the said City, to meet together in City-Council, any Six of whom (Two at least to be Aldermen) to be a Quorum, who, with the Mayor, shall be known by the Name of, and they are hereby declared, the City-Council of *Newport*: And they and their Successors, to be hereafter appointed, shall have a common Seal, to be devised and ordered by the said City-Council, and shall be capable in Law to purchase, have, hold, enjoy, possess and receive, to them and their Successors, for the Use of the said City of *Newport*, in Perpetuity, or for any Term of Years, any Estates, real or personal, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, of what Kind or Nature soever, within the Limits of the said City; and to sell, aliene, exchange or lease the same, or any Part thereof, as they shall think proper, for the Benefit and Advantage of the said City: And that the Lands and Buildings, now belonging to the said Town, be vested in the said City-Council, and their Successors, for the Use and Advantage of the said City, to be leased, sold, improved, or otherwise disposed of, as to the said City-Council shall appear most conducive to the Use and Advantage of the said City, and the Inhabitants thereof. *Provided*, that no Sale be made of any real Estate belonging to the said City, unless Nine of the Members who compose the said City-Council shall assent to the same.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the said City-Council be vested with full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, and under the common Seal, to make and establish such By-Laws, Rules and Ordinances, relative to the Manner of warning the Meeting of the said City for the Choice of General Officers, and Deputies to represent the

said City in General Assembly, at the Times prefixed by Law; and of such City Officers as are to be elected by the said City, relative to the Qualifications, in Point of Property, of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common-Council Men, the Markets and Commerce, the Harbour, public Docks, Commons, Streets, Lanes, Highways and Nufances, within the said City, the public Buildings, Alms-House and Work-House, belonging to the said City; relative to the Care of the Poor, the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, Fire-Engines, Fire-Hooks and Buckets, a City Watch, the Regulation of Seamen, disorderly Persons, and Negroes: And, in general, By-Laws that shall appear to them necessary and requisite for the Security, Welfare and Convenience, of the said City, and for preserving Peace, Order and good Government, within the same. And the City-Council shall also be vested with full Power to make and order such Taxes, from Time to Time, on the Inhabitants of the said City of *Newport*, or those who hold taxable Property within the same, for the Payment of the Debts now due from the said Town, or that may at any Time become due, and for the Safety, Convenience, Benefit and Advantage, of the said City, as shall appear to them expedient; and to affix Fines for all Offences committed against the By-Laws of the said City. And they are also hereby authorized to appoint a Recorder, Treasurer, Clerk, One or more Wardens in each Ward, a Coroner, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, and Collectors of Rates and Taxes, a Vendue-Master, or Vendue-Masters, Constables, and all such other Officers, as shall appear to them requisite and necessary, for carrying into effectual Execution the Laws of this State relative to the said Town, and all the By-Laws, Rules and Ordinances, they may make, for the good Order and Government of the said City, and the Persons residing within the same.

*PROVIDED nevertheless*, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the said City-Council to make any By-Laws repugnant to the Laws of the State, or inconsistent with Treaties made with foreign Nations.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the said City-Council shall appoint One or more Person or Persons, as shall be thought expedient, who shall have the same Powers for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration, as the Town-Councils within this State have, and also of appointing Guardians in all Cases, where, by the Laws of this State, Town-Councils are empowered to appoint the same; with all such other Powers as are by Law vested in the Town-Councils, and not herein otherwise delegated or appointed.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the said City-Council shall and may affix and order such Perquisites or Salary to the Mayor of the said City, as from the Nature and Expence of his Office may to them appear requisite and necessary: And also to assign such Fees and Perquisites to the respective Officers that may be chosen or appointed.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the said Aldermen shall each of them have full Power and Authority to keep Peace and good Order



Order in the said City, to issue Warrants, and cause all Offenders against Law to be brought before them; and on Examination either to release, admit to Bail, if the Offence be bailable, or commit to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, who is hereby required and commanded to receive and keep in safe Custody such Offender or Offenders, until discharged by a due Course of Law.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That there shall be holden monthly, on the First *Monday* in every Month, in the said City, and at such other Times as the Mayor shall appoint, a City Court, composed of the Mayor and Aldermen: That the Mayor shall be Chief Judge thereof, and with any Two of the Aldermen make a Quorum; or in case of the Sicknss or Absence of the Mayor, that any Three of the Aldermen shall compose the said Court, in which the Senior Alderman present shall preside: Which Court shall have Cognizance of all Offences committed in the City against the By-Laws thereof, and shall levy the Fines and Forfeitures incurred by the Breach of the same, or any Law of this State relating to the said City: And shall also have Cognizance of all Breaches of the Peace, to affix and levy Fines upon the Offenders; and shall have full Power to commit to the common Prison all or any Persons for Contempt of said Court, or for Breaches of said Laws, or in Default of complying with the Judgment and Sentence of the said Court; and the Sheriff, or Keeper of said Prison, is hereby directed to receive the same.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That in case of any Tumult or Riot; or Appearance or Probability of Tumult or Riot, in the said City, the Mayor shall immediately summon together the City-Council, and order the Wardens, the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, and his Deputies, the Constables, and other City Officers, to attend the City-Council; and such Measures shall be thereupon taken as shall appear most advisable for preventing or suppressing such Riot or Tumult. And if the Sheriff, his Deputy, or any City Officer, shall neglect or refuse to obey the Order for Attendance from the Mayor, he shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding *Twenty Pounds*: And if any Inhabitant shall refuse to obey the Orders of the Mayor, for suppressing any Riot or Tumult, he shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds* for every such Refusal, to be affixed and levied by the said City Court as aforesaid. And all Fines and Forfeitures for Offences committed within the said City, against any of the By-Laws of the same, shall be lodged with the City-Treasurer, to be at the Disposal of the City-Council, for the Use and Advantage of the said City.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the City-Treasurer be capable to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in any Court of Law within this State, in the same Manner as Town-Treasurers are by Law liable.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the Wardens for the Time being shall be vested with all the Powers and Authorities that Justices of the Peace are vested with, by the Laws of this State: And shall and may exercise the same in any Parts of the City, in Matters  
civil

civil and criminal, and for the Preservation of the Peace and good Order of the said City: That the Judgment of the Warden in civil Matters be final: And that an Appeal be granted in criminal Matters to the City-Council, whose Judgment shall be final; which Appeals shall be under the same Regulations as Appeals from the Court of Justices to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace are by Law at present. And the City-Clerk shall have and exercise the same Powers, within the said City, as Town-Clerks now have, relating to the registering of Deeds, Marriages, and Births, and receiving Attachments of real Estate; and in general such Powers as Town-Clerks have and exercise within this State, and not altered or restricted in this Act. And the said City-Clerk shall have the Care and Keeping of the Records of the said Town, belonging to the Office of the Town-Clerk of the said Town. And the Certificates of the said City-Clerk shall have the same Force and Validity in Law as those of Town-Clerks within this State.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council Men, and all other City-Officers, shall, before the undertaking the Execution of their respective Offices, take the Oath or Affirmation of Fidelity to this State, as by Law prescribed, and for the faithful Discharge of their several Offices and Places: That the following be the Form of the Oath or Affirmation of Office, *to wit*:—"You *A. B.* do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will faithfully discharge the Office of \_\_\_\_\_ to which you are elected, to the best of your Knowledge and Ability. So help you God (or this Engagement your make upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.\*)" And that the said Oath or Affirmation shall be administered to the Mayor and Aldermen by either of the Assistants of this State, or Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Newport*; and to the Common-Council Men and other City-Officers, by the Mayor, or either of the Aldermen, who are hereby empowered to administer the same.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the Town-Clerk of the Town of *Newport*, under the Direction of the Town-Council of the said Town, issue his Warrant for convening the Freemen of the said Town to meet in City-Meeting on the First *Tuesday* of *June* next: And that the Freemen who shall meet on the said Day choose a Moderator, and thereupon elect a Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council Men, and City-Clerk, who, upon their taking the Oath or Affirmation prescribed, shall be invested with all the Powers granted in this Act.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That if any Person shall be sued for any Thing done by Virtue of this Act, he may plead the general Issue, and give this Act and the special Matters in Evidence. And this Act shall, to all Intents and Purposes, be a public Act, and take Place and Effect immediately upon the Rising of this General Assembly.



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Handy*, Esq; be and he is here- Auditor ap-  
by appointed Auditor of Accounts for this State. pointed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Peleg Clarke*, and *Mr. George Champlin*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive receive the  
from *William Taggart*, Esq; the late, and deliver to *Thomas Rumrell*, Books, &c.  
Esq; the present Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, the Books, from the late  
Seal, Files of Papers, and all other Things belonging to that Office, Intendant of  
giving and taking Receipts for the same; and that they report hereon *Newport*.  
to this Assembly as soon as may be.

WHEREAS *Anthony Cowell* preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, *A. Cowell's*  
representing that he is now confined in the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, by Virtue of a Judgment of the Superior Court, at their Petition  
Term in *March* last, by which, with other Punishment, he was ordered granted.  
to be kept in Gaol until all Costs should be paid; and that he hath a  
Wife who is pregnant, is much indisposed, and utterly unable to pay  
the same; and thereupon prayed to be discharged from Gaol: Which  
being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of  
the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

WHEREAS Messieurs *George Buckmaster*, *John Landers*, *Billings Cogge- Lottery*  
*shall*, *Samuel Vinson*, *James Caboone*, and *Nathan Hammett*, a Committee granted to the  
of the First Congregational Society in the Town of *Newport*, under the First Congre-  
pastoral Care of the Rev. *Samuel Hopkins*, preferred a Petition in Behalf gational  
of the said Society, and represented unto this Assembly, that they were Church in  
possessed of Two Dwelling-Houses, which the *British* Troops totally *Newport*.  
destroyed while they remained at *Newport*, who also greatly injured  
the Meeting-House, and carried off the Bell belonging to the same:  
And that the Members of said Society have suffered so much in their  
Circumstances, that they are unable to purchase or build a Parsonage-  
House, or to repair their Meeting-House; and thereupon they prayed  
this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, for raising the Sum of *Twelve*  
*Hundred Silver Dollars*, for repairing the said Meeting-House, pur-  
chasing a Parsonage-House, and a Bell; and that Messieurs *Christopher*  
*Ellery*, *Ebenezer Burrill*, *John Anthony*, *Samuel Thurston*, *Samuel San-*  
*ford*, *William Ellery*, jun. and *Nathan Hammett*, may be appointed the  
Managers thereof:

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and*  
*Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted; and that the said  
*Christopher Ellery*, *Ebenezer Burrill*, *John Anthony*, *Samuel Thurston*, *Samuel*  
*Sanford*, *William Ellery*, jun. and *Nathan Hammett*, be and they are  
hereby appointed Directors of the said Lottery, they giving Bond for  
the faithful Performance of their Trust, to the General-Treasurer, in  
double the Sum for which the Tickets of the said Lottery shall sell:  
Provided nevertheless, that no Expence accrue thereon to the State.

WHEREAS the General Assembly have incorporated the Town of *Newport* into a City, and as the Choice of the City Officers is not to Town-Offi-  
take Place until the First *Tuesday* in *June* next, *It is therefore Voted* Port continu-  
and *Resolved*, That the Justices of the Peace, and all the Town Offi-  
cers,

cers, within the said Town of *Newport*, continue to use and exercise their respective Offices, in as full, ample and effectual Manner, to all Intents and Purposes whatever, until the said First *Tuesday* in *June* next, as though no Alteration had been made in the Constitution of the said Town.

Salaries of the Judges of the Superior Court to be paid. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed, to pay unto the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. their Salaries respectively; for the last Year, as ascertained by an Act of this Assembly.

*W. Anthony*, jun. to pay 15 s. THE Account of Mr. *William Anthony*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly, for the Sales of the Gates, &c. at *Burt's Hill*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Balance due thereon to the State, being *Fifteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid by the said *William Anthony* into the General-Treasury.

*S. Sanford's* Petition referred. WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Sanford*, of *Newport*, late an Ensign in Col. *Moses Hazen's* Regiment, in the Service of the United States, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, representing that he served in the Army of the United States, from the earliest Period of the War until the Twentieth Day of *April*, A.D. 1780, when he was discharged at his own Request; and that he hath never received the Depreciation of his Wages; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to make him the same Allowance, for the Depreciation of his monthly Pay, in the same Manner as hath been made to the Officers of this State's Battalions: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ezek Hopkins*, *Thomas Rumrell*, and *Benjamin Bourne*, Esquires, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed, a Committee, to examine and adjust the Depreciation Account of the said *Samuel Sanford*, on the same Principles as the Accounts of the other Officers of the Line of this State have been adjusted; and that they report hereon to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*J. Kerber's* Petition referred. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of Mr. *John Kerber*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that a Grant may be made to him, for his Wages, as an Armourer in this State, in the Service of the United States, from the Year 1778 to the End of the War, be referred to a Committee, consisting of *Thomas G. Hazard*, *Ezek Hopkins*, and *Rowse J. Helme*, Esquires: That they, or the major Part of them, examine into the Matters set forth in the said Petition; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*J. Nightingale* one of the Committee to agree with *W. Martin*. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Nightingale*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed one of the Committee, in the Room of *John Brown*, Esq; who is absent, to agree with Mr. *William Martin*, Keeper of the Light-House, on the Terms on which he shall keep the same.

Petition respecting the Fishery in Pawtuxet River. WHEREAS divers Persons, Freemen and Inhabitants of this State, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, representing, that by Means of Dams, Wares, and drawing Seines, on divers Parts of *Pawtuxet River*, and its Branches, the Alewives are totally prevented from passing the

the Ponds where they used to spawn, which is greatly injurious to the poor and middling Sort of People; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to cause a Revision of the Laws respecting the Fishery on the said River to be made, so that the aforesaid Evil may be remedied: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petitioners cause all Persons who are Proprietors of Dams on the said River, or otherwise concerned, to be notified, by Advertisements in the *Providence News-Papers*, to appear at the next Session of this Assembly, if they think fit, and shew Cause, if any they have, why a Revision of the said Laws should nor take Place, agreeable to the said Petition: Provided, that no Expence accrue to the State.

THE Petition of Mr. *George Tabor*, of *Newport*, preferred unto this Assembly, representing that he has been confined in the Gaol in *Newport* ever since *November* last, for the Rent of an Estate lying in *Portsmouth*, which he hired of this State; that he has a numerous Family to support, and is utterly unable to discharge the said Debt, and praying for Relief; being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *George Tabor* be discharged from his present Confinement, on his giving his promissory Note for the Amount of the Debt of the said Execution to the General-Treasurer, payable on Demand, with Interest; and that he pay all Costs.

A NOTE given by the General-Treasurer unto Mr. *Joseph Rhodes*, P. *Lockwood* for One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Continental Money, in *March*, allowed £ 45 A.D. 1778, for a Slave who enlisted into this State's Continental Battalions, exhibited unto this Assembly, and the Report of the Auditor thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Amount found due on the said Note, of Forty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eightpence, Lawful Money, be paid to Mrs. *Phebe Lockwood*, the present Possessor thereof, out of the General-Treasury.

A NOTE given by the General-Treasurer unto Mr. *Job Sweeting*, J. *Sweeting* for One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Continental Money, in *March*, allowed £ 45 A.D. 1778, for a Slave who enlisted into this State's Continental Battalions, exhibited unto this Assembly, and the Report of the Auditor thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Amount found due on the said Note, of Forty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eightpence, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Job Sweeting* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Gardner*, Collector of Two Taxes for the Town of *South-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, representing that he and his Bondsmen have been lately sued to a Special Court for the Deficiency of the said Taxes, which he is unable to collect, owing to the great Scarcity of Money in the said Town, and the Inability of the delinquent Individuals to pay, without taking their Stock, and that the same would scarcely amount to a Sufficiency to discharge their Taxes; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to order the Execution against him and his Bondsmen to be returned unsatisfied for

G. Tabor's  
Petition  
granted.

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Two Months  
longer allowed  
for collecting  
Taxes in  
*South-Kingstown*.

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for what remains yet due, and allow him a further Time to collect and pay the same into the General-Treasury, with the Interest that is due or may arise thereon: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Execution be stayed for Two Months; which Time is hereby allowed to the said *Richard Gardner* to collect the said Taxes, and pay the same into the General-Treasury: And that in case the said *Richard Gardner* shall neglect to pay the same as aforesaid, the Sheriff be and he is hereby directed, after the Expiration of the said Time, forthwith to proceed with the said Execution, and collect the said Monies from the said *Richard Gardner*, and his Bondsmen.

Allowance to the Staff-Officers of this State's Continental Battalion.

WHEREAS *Ezek Hopkins*, and *Benjamin Bourne*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers, pursuant to our Appointment, for the Adjustment of the Accounts of the Staff-Officers late of the Continental Army, belonging to the Line of this State, do report, that we have carefully examined their respective Accounts, and compared the same with the Vouchers, and find the following Sums due to the said Officers respectively, *to wit*:

To the legal Representatives of the late Major *Ebenezer Flagg*, the Sum of *Sixty-five Pounds Six Shillings and Ninepence*; to Capt. *Thomas Cole*, the Sum of *One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fourpence Three Farthings*; to Major *John Holden*, the Sum of *Twenty-three Pounds Three Shillings and One Penny*; to Capt. *Daniel S. Dexter*, the Sum of *Fifty-seven Pounds and Sixpence*; to Lieut. *John Cooke*, the Sum of *Ninety-four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence One Farthing*; to Capt. *William Tew*, the Sum of *One Hundred and Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One Penny*; to Capt. *Thomas Hughes*, the Sum of *Two Hundred and Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and One Penny Farthing*; to Capt. *David Sayles*, the Sum of *Eighty-four Pounds Three Shillings and a Halfpenny*, to Mr. *John Rogers*, the Sum of *Thirty-seven Pounds Four Shillings*; to Major *William Allen*, the Sum of *Sixty-five Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence*; and to Major *John S. Dexter*, the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Eight Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, in full for the Depreciation on their additional Pay as Staff-Officers, from the Times of their respective Appointments, to the First Day of *August*, A.D. 1780.

EZEK HOPKINS, } Committee.  
BENJAMIN BOURNE, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to give severally unto the said Officers, or their legal Representatives, his promissory Notes for the Sums above mentioned, in full for their several Balances, agreeable to the aforesaid Report; and that the said Notes be payable on Demand, with Interest at *Six per Cent. per Annum*, from the First Day of *August*, A.D. 1780, being the Time when the said Balances became due.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *John Foster*, and *Ezek Hopkins*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of *Robert Crooke*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Norfolk*, together with their Report thereon, and Account for their Services, as follow, to wit:

Report upon  
*R. Crooke's*  
Account.

The State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> to <i>Robert Crooke</i> , Collector of Impost, Dr.		
1783. } To Cash paid <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; per <i>Henry</i>	£ 44 8 0	
Aug. 6. } <i>Hunter</i> , per Receipt,		
Sept. 8. } To Ditto by the Hands of <i>Capt. Charles</i>	178 2 4½	
		<i>Caboone,</i>
Oct. 9. } To Ditto by the Hands of <i>Capt. Charles Handy</i> ,	119 12 4½	
Dec. 1. } To Ditto by the Hands of <i>William Burroughs</i> ,	123 18 11½	
30 } To Ditto by the Hands of <i>Col. Lemuel</i>	45 0 0	
		<i>Baley,</i>
1784. } To <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; his Order in Favour	14 6 2	
Jan. 11. } of <i>Walter Channing</i> ,		
13. } To Cash paid Ditto by the Hands of <i>James</i>	135 0 0	
		<i>Coydan</i> , Esq;
21. } To <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; his Order in Favour	33 2 7	
		of <i>Nicholas P. Tillinghast</i> ,
29. } To Cash paid <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; per Re-	3 18 0½	
		ceipt,
	40 18 0½	To <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; his Order in Favour
		of <i>Col. George Irish</i> ,
	60 0 0	To Cash paid Ditto by <i>Welcome Arnold</i> , Esq;
		per Receipt,
Feb. 9. } To <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; his Order in Favour	59 15 4½	
		of <i>Peter Mumford</i> ,
25. } To Ditto in Favour of <i>Col. George Irish</i> ,	19 4 7½	
		To Cash sent Ditto by <i>Col. Christopher</i>
	40 12 9	<i>Champlin</i> , per Receipt,
		To <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; his Order in Favour
	66 18 10	of <i>Col. John Cooke</i> ,
		To Ditto in Favour of <i>Henry Marchant</i> , Esq;
	24 8 10½	To Ditto in Favour of <i>Nicholas Easton</i> ,
		13 11 10
March 1. } To Ditto in Favour of <i>Sylvester Gardner</i> , Esq;	17 10 9½	
2. } To Ditto in Favour of <i>Thomas Cole</i> ,	9 2 6½	
		To Ditto in Favour of <i>Zephaniah Brown</i> ,
8. } To Cash sent Ditto by <i>Col. John Topham</i> ,	7 16 0	
		per Receipt,
9. } To <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; his Order in Favour	11 19 4	
		of <i>Capt. Jeremiah Clarke</i> ,
13. } To Ditto in Favour of <i>Mr. George Gibbs</i> ,	20 6 2	
		13. To Ditto in Favour of Ditto,
15. } To Ditto in Favour of Ditto,	3 13 4	
		To Ditto in Favour of <i>Nicholas Power</i> ,
	21 14 3½	To Ditto in Favour of <i>Daniel and Joseph Rogers</i> ,
		16 15 8½
16. } To Ditto in Favour of <i>John Weedon</i> ,	7 4 1½	
		18. To Ditto in Favour of <i>Samuel Fowler and Son</i> ,
18. } To Ditto in Favour of <i>Brown, Rogers and Brown</i> ,	38 18 3½	
		20. To Ditto in Favour of <i>George Hazard</i> , Esq;
	13 16 1½	To Ditto in Favour of <i>George Hazard</i> , Esq;
		2 14 8½

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Mar. 20.	To Ditto in Favour of Capt. Daniel Gardner,	£ 21 16 6
	To Ditto in Favour of Nathaniel Clarke,	3 4 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
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		£ 1285 11 2
	Balance due to the State,	81 7 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
		<hr/>
		£ 1366 19 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

## Creditors.

1783.	By Cash received of sundry Persons for Im-	}	£ 44 7 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
July.	post Duties for the Month of July, per Ac-		
	count,		
August.	By Ditto for the Month of August, per Account,		178 8 3
Sept.	By Ditto for the Month of September, per	}	127 1 10
	Account,		
Oct.	By Ditto for the Month of October, per Ac-	}	123 19 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	count,		
Nov.	By Ditto for the Month of November, per	}	86 0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Account,		
Dec.	By Ditto for the Month of December, per	}	300 9 4
	Account,		
1784.	By Ditto for the Month of January, per Ac-	}	65 10 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jan.	count,		
Feb.	By Ditto for the Month of February, per Ac-	}	256 16 3
	count,		
	By Ditto for the Month of March, per Ac-	}	177 16 1
	count,		
	By short Credit in Minturn's Account,		0 5 0
	By Samuel Dunn,		0 3 3
	By Cash received of Samuel Gyles, for Salt,		4 7 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	By Ditto of John Mumford, for Clark and	}	1 14 4
	Nightingale,		
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			£ 1366 19 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

March 23, A. D. 1784.

Errors excepted, per  
ROBERT CROOKE.

Wz the Subscribers, pursuant to our Appointment by the General Assembly, report that Robert Crooke, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of Newport, exhibited to us the above Account of the Monies by him received upon dutied Goods and Merchandize, from the Month of July, A. D. 1783, to the Twenty-third Day of March, A. D. 1784, together with the particular Manifests of the Goods, Entries, and Names of the Persons by whom the said Duties were paid in the said Time, in the Whole amounting to the Sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Three Farthings, Lawful Money; also an Account of Orders and Receipts for Monies, signed and received by Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer, and paid by him the said Robert Crooke, out of the said Monies, amounting to One Thousand Two



*Two Hundred and Eighty-five Pounds Eleven Shillings and Twopence*: That we have carefully examined the said Accounts, Manifests, Entries, Receipts, Orders and Vouchers, by which it appears to us, that the said Accounts are well vouched: That there is remaining of the said Monies, in the Hands of the said *Robert Crooke*, a Balance of *Eighty-one Pounds Seven Shillings and Tenpence*, due to the State, as stated in the said Account; and that the said *Robert Crooke* hath also exhibited to us a particular Account of the Monies due to the State for Duties in the aforesaid Time, but not by him received nor settled, amounting to upwards of *One Hundred and Seventy Pounds* more. All which is submitted, by

JOHN FOSTER, }  
ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.

March 25, A.D. 1784.

N. B. His Commissions are not charged nor settled in the said Account.

State of Rhode-Island,		Dr.
To John Foster, for his Services in settling the said } Account, 3 Days, at 9s.	}	£ 1 7 0
To Esek Hopkins, Ditto, 3 Days, at 9s.		1 7 0
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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the Balance due thereon, from the said *Robert Crooke* to this State, be carried to the Credit of the State in his next Account; and that the Amount of the Committee's Account, being *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Foster* and *Esek Hopkins* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Esek Hopkins*, and *John Foster*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of *William Barton*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, together with their Report thereon, and an Account for their Services, as follow, to wit:

State of Rhode-Island to William Barton. Collector of Impost,		Dr.
1783. } Oct. 11. }	To Cash paid into the General-Treasury,	£ 12 0 0
1784. } Jan. 23. }	To the General-Treasurer's Order in Fa- vour of <i>Stephen Smith</i> ,	7 4 3
March 1. }	To Ditto in Favour of <i>Nathan Miller</i> , Esq;	12 3 2
April 10. }	To Ditto in Favour of <i>James Miller</i> ,	2 18 9
	To Ditto in Favour of <i>William T. Miller</i> ,	0 5 7
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		£ 34 11 9
Balance due to the State,		24 3 2
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		£ 58 14 11

Creditor.

## Creditor.

By the Impost Duties, accounted for in the }  
 said Office, from Sept. 6, A.D. 1783, to } £ 53 14 11  
 April 29, A.D. 1784, per Account, }  
 Errors excepted, per

WILLIAM BARTON.

We the Subscribers, pursuant to our Appointment by the General Assembly, report; that *William Barton*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, exhibited to us the above Account of the Monies by him received upon dutied Goods and Merchandize, from the Sixth Day of *September*, A.D. 1783, to the Twenty-ninth Day of *April*, A.D. 1784, with the Names of the Persons by whom the said Duties were paid, amounting to *Fifty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Elevenpence*, Lawful Money: Also an Account of One Receipt and Four Orders, signed by *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, and paid out of the said Monies, amounting to the Sum of *Thirty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Ninepence*; and that we have examined the said Account, and find that there is a Balance due from the said *William Barton* to this State, of *Twenty-four Pounds Three Shillings and Twopence*, as stated in the said Account. His Commissions are not included nor settled. All which is submitted, by

ESEK HOPKINS, }  
 JOHN FOSTER, } Committee.

	Dr.
To <i>Esek Hopkins</i> , for his Services in settling said Account, 1 Day,	£ 0 9 0
To <i>John Foster</i> , Ditto, 1 Day,	0 9 0
	<hr/> £ 0 18 0

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Balance, due from the said *William Barton* to this State, be carried to the Credit of the State in his next Account; and that the Account of the Committee be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being *Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Esek Hopkins* and *John Foster* out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Weaver* allowed £ 6. THE Petition of *Abiel Weaver*, preferred unto this Assembly, representing that, while in this State's Continental Regiment, he lost One of his Eyes, whereby he is deprived of following his Business, and getting a Living, and praying that an Allowance might be made him, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Six Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Abiel Weaver* out of the General-Treasury, in full for his Sufferings up to the Third Instant.

*J. Greenman* allowed £ 4. THE Petition of *Job Greenman*, a wounded Soldier, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that an Allowance may be made him for his Half-

Half-Pay now in Arrear, being duly considered; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Four Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Job Greenman* out of the General-Treasury, in full for his Half-Pay in Arrear up to the Fourth Instant.

WHEREAS *Joseph Nibthingale*, and *Esek Hopkins*, Esquires, and *Mr. Daniel Mason*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, <sup>Court-House in Newport to be repaired.</sup> *to wit :*

WE the underwritten, being appointed by the General Assembly a Committee, to view the State-House in the Town of *Newport*, and to report what Repairs are necessary to be immediately done, so that the said House may be decent for a public Building, having viewed the same, do think it necessary, that the Council-Chamber have the Wain-scot and wooden Work repaired, and that it would be proper to paint it of a light Stone Colour: That the Room appropriated for the Representatives to sit in ought to be enlarged, by removing the Partition to the First Beam South of the present Partition: That the said Room be fitted up with proper Seats: That the Wainscoting and wooden Work be thoroughly repaired; and painted as the Council-Chamber: That all the Doors, Windows, and Window-Frames, be thoroughly repaired: That the Balcony be repaired, and put in good Order: That all the outside wooden Work be painted, saving the Shingles on the Roof; and that the Steps to the South be put up, and those to the West and North pointed: Which, for the present, will answer the Purposes proposed. All which is submitted, by

JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE,  
ESEK HOPKINS,  
DANIEL MASON, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the Room for the House of Deputies be so fitted as to accommodate the common Law Courts: That *Mr. George Gibbs* be and he is hereby appointed to cause the said Repairs to be made, as soon as may be; and that the Expence attending the same be paid by the General-Treasurer out of the next State Tax.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Bonds taken by the late Collectors of Impost and Excise, in the several Counties, pursuant to an Act passed by this Assembly, at *February* Session, A.D. 1783, be by them delivered to the General-Treasurer, to be by him cancelled; and that the said Collectors be and they are hereby directed to repay to the several Persons the Monies of them received for Impost or Excise, agreeable to the said Act. <sup>Old Impost Bonds cancelled.</sup>

A NOTE given by the General-Treasurer unto *Mr. William Burroughs*, for *One Hundred and Ten Pounds*, Continental Money, in *March*, A.D. 1778, for a Slave, who enlisted into this State's Continental Battalions, exhibited unto this Assembly, and the Report of the Auditor thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Amount found due there-  
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in, of *Forty-one Pounds Eleven Skillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Burroughs* out of the General-Treasury.

Report upon B. Bourne's Account. WHEREAS *Ezek Hopkins*, and *John Foster*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, together with their Report thereon, and an Account for their Services, as follow, to wit:

State of *Rhode-Island* to *Benjamin Bourne*, Collector of Impost, Dr.  
To Cash paid the General-Treasurer, as per Receipts, £ 1417 0 0  
Balance due to the State. 77 1 9½

£ 1494 1 9½

Creditor.

1783. } Oct. 1. } By Cash received of <i>Zachariah Allen</i> ,	£ 12 2 7
2. By Ditto of <i>Samuel Thurber</i> ,	0 5 10
6. By Ditto of <i>Richard Mumford</i> ,	0 3 9
13. By Ditto of <i>Pierre Douville</i> ,	5 1 8
By Ditto of <i>William A. Sessions</i> ,	0 18 5
16. By Ditto of <i>William Kidson</i> ,	7 14 2
By Ditto of ——— <i>Pitcher</i> ,	0 2 5
By Ditto of <i>Elisba Brown</i> ,	0 6 6
By Ditto of <i>Henry Bowen</i> ,	0 2 8
21. By Ditto of <i>John Holden</i> ,	0 1 4
24. By Ditto of <i>Samuel Bullen</i> ,	0 19 6
27. By Ditto of <i>Ebenezer Williams</i> ,	0 16 4
By Ditto of <i>William White</i> ,	0 11 7
Nov. 3. By Ditto of <i>Samuel Godfrey</i> ,	0 2 4
By Ditto of <i>William Clarke</i> ,	0 17 2
4. By Ditto of <i>Thomas Truman</i> ,	0 6 0
6. By Ditto of <i>Samuel Royal Pain</i> ,	1 8 9
11. By Ditto of <i>Joseph Lawrence</i> ,	0 6 2
12. By Ditto of <i>Daniel Tillinghast</i> ,	4 12 11
14. By Ditto of <i>Latbam Gardner</i> ,	3 10 2
By Ditto of <i>Henry Bowen</i> ,	0 11 0
17. By Ditto of <i>Andrew Dexter</i> ,	0 10 3
18. By Ditto of <i>Amos Throop</i> ,	3 17 11
19. By Ditto of <i>Caleb Trapp</i> ,	0 2 2
21. By Ditto of <i>James Graves</i> ,	3 14 0
28. By Ditto of <i>Prince Gardner</i> ,	1 8 0
Dec. 10. By Ditto of <i>Monsieur Dufben</i> ,	2 10 0
17. By Ditto of <i>Nathaniel Barret</i> ,	1 1 4
By Ditto of <i>Silas Jones</i> ,	3 8 6
By Ditto of <i>Robert Folger</i> ,	6 0 0
18. By Ditto of <i>Thomas Sabin</i> ,	0 3 8
19. By Ditto of <i>Mumford and Bowen</i> ,	1 5 2
25. By Ditto of <i>Mr. Fairservice</i> ,	2 13 9
By Ditto of <i>Joseph Tillinghast</i> ,	0 16 9
28. By Ditto of <i>Terrance Reiley</i> ,	0 1 0
	By

	By Ditto of <i>Sampson Read</i> ,	£ 4 4 0
Dec. 29.	By Ditto of <i>Pardon Sheldou</i> ,	0 6 6
30.	By Ditto of <i>John Brown</i> , on various Imports,	390 2 11
	By Ditto of <i>George Benson</i> ,	3 4 0
	By Ditto of <i>Philip Paine</i> ,	1 16 5
	By Ditto of <i>John Fitton</i> ,	14 7 8
	By Ditto of <i>Zephaniah Brown</i> ,	17 17 7
1784. } January	By Ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> ,	49 1 5
6.	By Ditto of <i>Oliver Spencer</i> ,	0 4 9
12.	By Ditto of <i>Sterry and Murray</i> ,	3 7 2
14.	By Ditto of <i>Clark and Nightingale</i> , on various Imports,	211 15 6
19.	By Ditto of <i>William Blodget</i> ,	0 1 10
21.	By Ditto of <i>William Davis</i> ,	1 10 0
22.	By Ditto of <i>Benjamin Sisson</i> ,	1 11 9
	By Ditto of <i>Samuel Chace</i> ,	0 16 7
24.	By Ditto of <i>Bennett Wheeler</i> ,	3 16 6
	By Ditto of <i>Thurston and Jenkins</i> ,	33 3 11
29.	By Ditto of <i>Samuel Aborn</i> ,	96 2 10
	By Ditto of <i>Brown, Rogers and Brown</i> ,	46 1 2
30.	By Ditto of <i>Holroyd and Tillinghast</i> ,	21 12 3
	By Ditto of <i>Joseph and William Russell</i> , on fundry Imports,	132 13 7
Feb.	By Ditto of <i>Welcome Arnold</i> ,	46 10 5½
	By Ditto of <i>Laufrey De Lisle</i> ,	48 3 9
3.	By Ditto of <i>Halsey and Cortis</i> ,	18 0 0
	By Ditto of <i>Thomas Sabin</i> ,	6 15 2
	By Ditto of <i>Thomas Jenkins</i> ,	33 5 5
	By Ditto of <i>Ebenezer Thompson</i> ,	3 3 8
	By Ditto of <i>Richard Throckmorton</i> ,	18 6 4
	By Ditto of <i>Thomas and William Jones</i> ,	4 8 11
	By Ditto of <i>Nicholas Brown and Company</i> , on fundry Imports,	205 12 7
	By Ditto of <i>Moses Brown</i> ,	6 16 9½
	By a Mistake,	0 5 7
		£ 1494 1 9½

Errors excepted, per

BENJAMIN BOURNE.

WE the Subscribers, pursuant to our Appointment by the General Assembly, report, that *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, exhibited to us the aforewritten Account of the Monies received for the Duties upon Goods imported into the said County, from the First Day of *October*, A.D. 1783, to the Twentieth Day of *February*, A. D. 1784, inclusive, amounting to the Sum of *One Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds One Shilling and Ninepence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money; also the particular Manifests of the said Goods, and the Entries thereof in his Books,

Books, by which it appears that the said Account is well vouched. He also produced to us Two Receipts, signed by *Joseph Clarke, Esq;* General-Treasurer, that he had received of the said *Benjamin Bourne* the Sum of *One Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen Pounds* of the aforesaid Monies; so that there remains in the Hands of the said *Benjamin Bourne* a Balance of *Seventy-seven Pounds One Shilling and Ninepence Halfpenny* due to the State, without any Deduction for his Commissions. All which is submitted, by

ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.  
JOHN FOSTER, }

Providence, Feb. 20, A. D. 1784.

	State of Rhode-Island,	Dr.
To	<i>Esek Hopkins</i> , for his Services,	£ 0 9 0
To	<i>John Foster</i> , for his Services,	0 9 0
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		£ 0 18 0

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the Balance found due therein from the said *Benjamin Bourne* to this State be carried to the Credit of the State, in his next Account; and that the Account of the Committee be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being *Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Esek Hopkins* and *John Foster* out of the General-Treasury.

*U. Stone* allowed £ 18. THE Petition of *Uriah Stone*, a wounded Soldier, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that his Half-Pay, now in Arrear, may be granted him, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Uriah Stone* out of the General-Treasury, in full for his Half-Pay up to the Fourth Instant.

*J. Anthony* allowed £ 5 3s. 10d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Five Pounds Three Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid Mr. *John Anthony* out of the General-Treasury, for a Quantity of Beef, furnished by him for the Use of the Troops doing Duty on *Rhode-Island*, in December, A. D. 1781.

*J. Coggeshall* allowed £ 6. UPON the Account of Mr. *Joshua Coggeshall*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for entertaining the Troops under the Command of Col. *Gideon Hoxsie*, in January, A. D. 1776, &c. amounting to *Twelve Pounds*, the following Report was made, to wit:

AGREEABLE to our Appointment by the General Assembly, to examine the Account of the said *Joshua Coggeshall*, we do report, that in our Opinion the Sum of *Six Pounds* ought to be allowed in full of the said Account. Which is submitted, by

PAUL ALLEN, } Committee.  
ESEK HOPKINS, }

AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Six Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Joshua Coggeshall* out of the General-Treasury, in full of said Account.

WHEREAS *Thomas G. Hazard*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

Report of the  
Division of  
the *Bannister*  
Lot in *Newport*.

THE Subscribers having been appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, at their Session in *February* last, a Committee to make Partition of a certain Lot of Land, situate in *Newport*, containing Nine Acres and One Quarter of an Acre and Thirty Rods, as appears by the annexed Plat, and to set off and assign the One Half Part thereof to Mr. *John Bannister*, and the other Half Part thereof to the Officers and Soldiers of the Regiment late commanded by Col. *Israel Angell*, the said Lot being the Lot called the Mill-Lot in the last Will and Testament of *John Bannister*, deceased, and by him therein devised to the said *John Bannister* and *Thomas Bannister*, equally to be divided between them: We the said Committee having employed Mr. *John Gould*, Surveyor, to make the said Plat, have agreed, and do hereby, in Pursuance of our Appointment, make Partition of the said Lot as followeth, *to wit*: That Part of the said Lot which is to the Westward of the Meeting-House, and the Fence extending from the South-East Corner of the Meeting-House to the North-East Corner of the Lot late *Isaac Stelle's*, we have divided into Four Lots: That Part thereof fronting *Spring-Street*, bounded West by the said Street, North by a Lane running Easterly from the South-West Corner of the said *John Bannister's* House and Lot, and parallel therewith to the said Fence, and East by the other Part of the said Mill-Lot, and South by the said Lot of *Isaac Stelle*, we have divided into Two equal Parts, by a Line through the same, running from said *Spring-Street* to the said Fence: The Northerly Half Part thereof we assign and set off to the said *John Bannister*, and the other Part thereof to the said Officers and Soldiers: The other Part of the said Lot, to the Westward of said Meeting-House, and the said Fence, not included within the former Bounds, we have also divided into Two Lots, or Two equal Parts, by a Line from *Mill-Street*, and extending to the North Line of the first described and bounded Lot: The Westerly Part thereof we assign and set off unto the said *John Bannister*, and the other Part thereof to the said Officers and Soldiers: That Part of the said Mill-Lot to the Eastward of the said Meeting-House and Fence we have divided into Two equal Parts, by a Line through the same, from *Mill-Street* to the South Boundary of the same: The Westerly Part thereof we do assign and set off unto the said *John Bannister*, and the Easterly Part thereof to the said Officers and Soldiers: And the said Committee have requested the said *John Gould* to run the said Lines, and to minute them on the said Plat accordingly.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, } Committee.  
WILLIAM CHANNING, }

*Newport*, April 14, A.D. 1784.

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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the General-Treasurer make and execute a Deed, to the Officers of Col. *Israel Angell's* Regiment, of that Part of the before described Lot assigned the said Officers and Soldiers in the said Report; reserving a Way of Ten Feet, in the Lot assigned the said Officers and Soldiers, to the Westward of the Meeting-House Lot, for the passing with a Corps, and repassing the same, to and from the Burying-Ground within the said Lot.

7. *Button* allowed *£* 12. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twelve Pounds* be allowed and paid unto *Joseph Button*, a wounded Soldier, or his Attorney, out of the General-Treasury, in full for his Half-Pay, now in Arrear, to the Sixteenth Infant.

Report of Wages due to the Nine Months Men. WHEREAS *Esek Hopkins*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

THE Subscribers, agreeable to their Appointment at *February* Session last, for the Purpose of ascertaining the Amount of the Certificates given to the Men raised to serve Nine Months in this State's Continental Battalion, in the Campaign of the Year 1782, do report, that there have been Two Hundred and Four Certificates given to the Soldiers, for the Time they respectively served; One Hundred and Fourteen of which have been brought in and registered, agreeable to the List herewith exhibited, amounting to the Sum of *One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds Ten Shillings and Fivepence*; and that the remaining Ninety Certificates, given in Favour of the Soldiers whose Names are inserted in the aforesaid List, remain yet to be examined, which will amount to the Sum of *One Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-one Pounds Ten Shillings* (or thereabouts) making in the Whole *Three Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds and Fivepence*, Lawful Money, from which there will be a Deduction for a Quantity of Shoes supplied the Men more than was allowed them, and is particularly inserted in the Certificates, but the Price is left a Blank; and it may now be proper for the Assembly to fix the same. Such Certificates as exceed the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds* were given in Favour of those Men that reenlisted to serve Three Years; but as the Bounty of *One Hundred Dollars* was not paid according to Contract, they were, at their own Request, discharged on the First Day of *March*, A.D. 1783. All which is submitted, by

ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.  
JEREMIAH OLNEY, }

Providence, May 1, A.D. 1784.

SINCE making out the foregoing Report, there have been Seven Certificates brought in and registered (which are distinguished by this Mark x) amounting to *One Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Fivepence*.

ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.  
JEREMIAH OLNEY, }

May 6, A.D. 1784.

AND







To *Silas Casey's* Ditto,  
To *Richard Mathewson's* Ditto,

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£	20	15	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly to settle and adjust the above Account, do report, that we have carefully examined the same with the Vouchers, and find due thereon from this State the Sum of *Twenty Pounds Fifteen Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny*, to the respective Persons named in the said Account. Which is submitted, by

JOSEPH BROWN, } Committee.  
JOHN WARNER, }

*Providence, April 2, A. D. 1784.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Twenty Pounds Fifteen Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to Col. *William Arnold* out of the General-Treasury, to be by him paid to the respective Persons named in said Account.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is Provision for hereby directed to advance to the Deputy-Governor, out of the first Payment of the Delegates. Monies which shall be lodged in the General-Treasury, whether it be raised for this State or the United States, the Sum of *One Hundred and Eighty Pounds*, Lawful Money, to be by him paid to *David Howell*, and *William Ellery*, Esquires, or their Order, in Discharge of the Grants made by this General Assembly to them at the last Session.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers to command the Company of Captain-General's Cavaliers, in the County of *Providence*, and the following Gentlemen, who were elected by the said Company, were approved, *to wit*: *Daniel Manton*, Captain; *Richard Eddy*, First Lieutenant; *William Waterman*, Second Lieutenant; *Ezekiel Searle*, Cornet; and *Edward Manton*, Quarter-Master.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers to command the United Company of Artillery in the Town of *Providence*, and the following Gentlemen, who were elected by the said Company, were approved, *to wit*: *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; Colonel; *Levi Hall*, Esq; Lieut. Colonel; *Robert Taylor*, Esq; Major; *Gershom Jones*, Captain; and *Isaac Barker*, Lieutenant Fire-Worker.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers to command the Company of *Pawtuxet* Rangers, in the Counties of *Providence* and *Kent*, and the following Gentlemen, who were elected by the said Company, were approved, *to wit*: *Benjamin Arnold*, Captain; *Abner Field*, First Lieutenant; *Israel Arnold*, Second Lieutenant, and *Caleb Corpe*, Ensign.

*L. Updike*  
allowed £ 44  
31. 10d.

A NOTE given by the General-Treasurer unto Mr. *Lodowick Updike*, for *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, Continental Money, in *March*, A. D. 1778, for a Slave, who insisted into this State's Continental Battalions, exhibited unto this Assembly, and the Report of the Auditor thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Amount found due therein, of *Forty-four Pounds Three Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Lodowick Updike* out of the General-Treasury.

Keeper of the  
Grand Com-  
mittee's Of-  
fice appoint-  
ed; and also  
a Committee  
to settle the  
same.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *William Robinson* be and he is hereby appointed Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, in the Room of *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; who has resigned the said Office; and that he give Bond to the General-Treasurer, with Surety, in the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*.

*IT is also Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary cause to be brought to this Assembly, at the next Session, all the Papers in his Office which relate to the Process instituted by this late Colony (now State) against *George Brown*, Esq; and his Sureties, on his Bond in the Grand Committee's Office to this State; and also all the Papers which relate to or concern the same.

*A N D it is further Voted and Resolved*, That *George Hazard*, *Thomas Rumrell*, and *John G. Wanton*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed and empowered to receive of Mrs. *Elizabeth Thurston*, Widow of the late *Edward Thurston*, Esq; late Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, all the Old-Tenor Bills paid into and now remaining in the said Office, taking an Account of the same, and giving a Receipt therefor, and cause the same to be burnt: And that the said Committee also receive of the said *Elizabeth Thurston* all the Books, Bonds and Papers, belonging to the said Office, and deliver the same to the said *William Robinson*, the present Keeper of the said Office, giving and taking Receipts therefor.

Allowance  
to the Admi-  
nistrator of  
*D. Greene's*  
Estate.

THE Petition of Mr. *Elisha Babcock*, of *Richmond*, preferred unto this Assembly, representing that he is Administrator of the personal Estate of Mr. *Daniel Greene*, late an Ensign in Col. *Christopher Greene's* Regiment; and that there is due from this State to the Estate of the said *Daniel Greene* the Sum of *Forty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, Lawful Money; and praying that the said Sum may be paid him, in order to discharge the Debts of the said *Daniel Greene*; being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Forty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Elisha Babcock*, as Administrator as aforesaid, by the General-Treasurer's giving his Note for the same, payable on Demand, with Interest from the First Day of *August*, A. D. 1780.

Payment of  
Taxes post-  
poned.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to suspend the issuing Executions against the Treasurers of the several Towns which are delinquent in paying the last State Tax, for the Space of One Month from the Rising of this Assembly; and

and that he be and is hereby directed, at the Expiration of that Time, to issue his Executions against the Treasurers of the several Towns which shall be deficient, returnable in Twenty Days.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Resolution of this Assembly, which passed at the last Session, directing that an Interest of *Twelve per Cent.* should be paid by the several Towns on the Sums deficient on the said Tax, on the First Day of this Instant, be and the same is hereby repealed.

THE Account of *William Davis*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *New- W. Davis*  
*port*, exhibited unto this Assembly. for Twenty-five green Chairs, fur- allowed £ 15  
nished for the Court-House in *Newport*, being duly considered, *It is* 3.  
*Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Fifteen Pounds*  
*Three Shillings*, be allowed and paid the said *William Davis* out of the  
General-Treasury.

THE Account of Mr. *John Russell*, exhibited unto this Assembly, *J. Russell*  
for the Services of himself and Two Men, in keeping the Magazine- allowed £ 54  
Guard in *Providence*, from the First of *November* to the Twenty-seventh 6.  
of *January*, A.D. 1783, &c. being duly considered, *It is Voted and*  
*Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Fifty-four Pounds Six Shil-*  
*lings*, be allowed and paid the said *John Russell* out of the General-  
Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Office of the General-Treasurer General-  
of this State be and the same is hereby ordered and directed to be Treasurer's  
removed from the Town of *Providence* to the City of *Newport*, within Office to be  
Two Months from the Rising of this General Assembly, there to be removed to  
kept: And the Keeper of the said General-Treasury is hereby ordered *Newport.*  
and directed to remove the same accordingly.

WE the underwritten, Members of the Lower House of Assembly, *Protest.*  
beg Leave to dissent from the foregoing Resolution for the Removal  
of the Office of the General-Treasurer to *Newport*, and most solemnly  
to protest against the same:

BECAUSE, That the Freemen of the State, in giving their Suffrages for a particular Candidate, whose Place of Residence is known, must be presumed to have in Contemplation the Place where the Office shall be kept, as well as the Person who shall sustain that Office. We conceive therefore that it is entirely unconstitutional, and a gross Violation of the Rights, Privileges, and declared Sense, of the Freemen of this State, for the Legislature to remove a public Office, the Appointment to which is, from the original Institution of this Government, in the Freemen at large: That even if the Legislature are constitutionally veiled with Power of removing a General Office, which we most strenuously deny, the Exercise of that Power, in the present Instance, we deem to be highly improper, impolitic and inconvenient, the Town of *Newport* being frequently inaccessible to most of the Citizens of the State, and at all Times, from its insular Situation, more inconvenient and difficult of Access than any Town on the Main: That it is utterly  
unpre-

unprecedented in the History of the State, either during its Existence as a Colony, or in its present independent Form of Government, to remove a General Officer chosen by the People at large, unless in case of urgent Necessity, when the Papers, Records, &c. of the Office were in imminent Danger of falling into the Hands of an Enemy; and it is notorious that no such Necessity can be pretended to exist at present:

JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE,  
PAUL ALLEN,  
EBENEZER THOMPSON,  
WILLIAM FIELD,  
RUFUS HOPKINS,  
STEPHEN STEERE,  
STEPHEN ARNOLD, jun:  
NATHANIEL SHEPARDSON;  
EDWARD MANTON,  
EMOR OLNEY,  
ELISHA MOWRY, jun:  
JOHN WILLIAMS,  
JOHN WARNER,  
THOMAS REMINGTON,  
BENJAMIN ARNOLD, jun:  
DAVID WIGHTMAN,  
MATTHEW MANCHESTER,  
WILLIAM WEST.

*E. Lewis*  
allowed £6. THE Account of Capt. *Elijah Lewis*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for taking up *Frank Gould*, a Deserter from this State's Continental Battalion, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Six Pounds, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Elijah Lewis* out of the General-Treasury, upon his declaring on Oath, before *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; that the Certificate given him by Col. *Jeremiah Olney*, for the said Service, is lost, as he hath represented.

Divers confiscated Estates discharged, and their former Owners qualified to sue and be sued. WHEREAS the Committee appointed to adjust the Claims against the Estates of the Absentees, have reported, that the Claims exhibited against the Estates of *John Andrews*, *Jahleel Brenton*, *Richard Beale*, *Walter Chaloner*, *Edward Cole*, *James Clarke*, *Cordwainer*, *Moses Hart*, *John Nicoll*, *Edward Thurston*, *Ackurs Sisson*, and *James Brenton*, exceeded the Value of their respective Estates, which have been confiscated, and as the said Accounts are not yet adjusted, the Creditors are prevented from obtaining their Demands against the same: And whereas there are Debts due to the said Persons respectively, *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the said *John Andrews*, *Jahleel Brenton*, *Richard Beale*, *Walter Chaloner*, *Edward Cole*, *James Clarke*, *Moses Hart*, *Ackurs Sisson*, and *James Brenton*, and the Representatives of *Edward Thurston*, and *John Nicoll*, be capable to sue and be sued; and that the Estates of the said Persons respectively be liable to the Payment of their Debts, in the same Manner as if the same had not been confiscated: Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Joseph Nightingale, Francis Malbone, and Archibald Crary*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit: Keeper of the Light House appointed.

ACCORDING to our Appointment by the General Assembly, we have agreed with Mr. *William Martin* to take Care of and attend the Light-House on *Beaver-Tail*, for the Sum of *Forty-two Pounds*, Lawful Money, per Year, and to improve the Dwelling-House belonging to the said Light-House, free from Rent.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Salary of *Forty-two Pounds*, Lawful Money, per Annum, be allowed to the said *William Martin*, as Keeper of the Light-House: That he have the Improvement of the said Dwelling-House Rent free; and that One Fourth Part of the said Salary, being *Ten Pounds Ten Shillings*, be paid to the said *William Martin*, by the Intendant of Trade at *Newport*, out of the Light-Monies by him received.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Sherburne*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to assist the Secretary in preparing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly for the Press; and that he be empowered to hire a suitable Room at *Providence* for his Accommodation, at the Expence of the State. H. Sherburne appointed to assist the Secretary.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed to exhibit to this Assembly, at the next Session, a particular State of the Debt of this State: And that he also exhibit at the same Time an Account of the Persons who have received public Securities from him, and, as far as may be in his Power, the Names of the individual Inhabitants of this State who are now possessed of public Securities issued by him, either as General-Treasurer or Keeper of the Loan-Office, with their Amount and Dates, and the Places of their Abode. Treasurer to exhibit a State of the Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Nightingale, Archibald Crary*, and *Francis Malbone*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of the several Intendants of Trade in this State, of the Light-Money by them received, and also the Account of Mr. *Robert Stevens*, who was appointed to repair the Light-House: That they report thereon to the next Session of this Assembly: That the said *Joseph Nightingale* be requested to furnish the Oil which may be necessary for the Light-House; and that he be empowered to receive of the Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Providence* so much of the Light-Money by him received as may be necessary to defray the Expence of buying said Oil. Committee respecting the Light-House.

THE Account of *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services as Clerk of the Lower-House at the present Session, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Benjamin Bourne*, out of the General-Treasury. B. Bourne allowed £ 3

*J. Handy* allowed £ 2 8s. THE Account of *John Handy*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services at the present Session as Auditor, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Handy* out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Melvill* allowed £ 2 2s. THE Account of Mr. *Thomas Melvill*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session as a Waiter, and cleaning the Court-House, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Two Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Thomas Melvill* out of the General-Treasury.

Expence of removing the Treasurer's Office provided for. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Expence of removing the General-Treasurer's Office from *Providence* to *Newport* be defrayed by the State; and that the said Treasurer lay his Account therefor before this Assembly.

*D. Dunham*, jun. allowed £ 4s. THE Account of Mr. *Daniel Dunham*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session as a Waiter, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Daniel Dunham*, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

*L. Clarke* allowed £ 1 4s. THE Account of Mr. *Latbam Clarke*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session as a Waiter, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Latbam Clarke* out of the General-Treasury.

Officers continued. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Officers who have not been re-appointed, and in whose Places others have not been chosen, be and they are hereby continued in their respective Offices until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session, with the same Power and Authority they have heretofore had.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the Fourth Monday in *June* next, then to convene at the State-House in *Newport*.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward*

PROVIDENCE: Printed by JOHN CARTER.







At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden (by Adjournment) at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Fourth *Monday* in *June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four, and in the Eighth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,  
G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

*JABEZ BOWEN*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

JOSEPH BROWN, Esq;

RICHARD SEARLE, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

GIDEON CLARKE, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

JOHN SMITH (of *Gloucester*) Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esquire, Speaker.

NEWPORT :	Mr. Stephen Steere.
George Hazard, <i>Esq;</i>	CHARLESTOWN :
Henry Merchant, <i>Esq;</i>	Joseph Stanton, <i>jun. Esq;</i>
Mr. George Champlin,	Samuel Crofs, <i>Esq;</i>
John Topham, <i>Esq;</i>	WEST-GREENWICH :
Mr. Peleg Clarke,	Jonathan Comitock, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Daniel Mafon.	COVENTRY :
PROVIDENCE :	Mr. Jeremiah Fenner,
Joseph Nightingale, <i>Esq;</i>	John Rice, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Paul Allen,	EXETER :
Ebenezer Thompson, <i>Esq;</i>	Job Wilcox, <i>Esq;</i>
John Jenckes, <i>Esq;</i>	Pardon Tillinghaft, <i>Esq;</i>
PORTSMOUTH :	MIDDLETOWN :
Mr. Joseph Cundall,	Mr. Benjamin Gardner,
Mr. William Anthony, <i>jun.</i>	Mr. William Taggart, <i>jun.</i>
Mr. Burrington Anthony,	BRISTOL :
Mr. Holder Chace.	The Speaker,
WARWICK :	Nathaniel Fales, <i>Esq;</i>
John Warner, <i>Esq;</i>	TIVERTON :
Mr. Thomas Remington,	Lemuel Bailey, <i>Esq;</i>
Benjamin Arnold, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Benjamin Howland.
Mr. David Wightman.	LITTLE-COMPTON :
WESTERLY :	Mr. Daniel Wilbour,
Joseph Noyes, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Joseph Gifford.
Mr. Walter White.	WARREN :
NEW-SHOREHAM :	Nathan Miller, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Edward Sands,	CUMBERLAND :
Mr. William Littlefield.	John Dexter, <i>Esq;</i>
NORTH-KINGSTOWN :	Nathaniel Shepardson, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Stukely Westcot,	RICHMOND :
Mr. John Allen.	Robert Stanton, <i>Esq;</i>
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :	Mr. Thomas James.
Rowfe J. Helmè, <i>Esq;</i>	CRANSTON :
Mr. Rowland Brown.	Mr. Matthew Manchester,
EAST-GREENWICH :	Mr. William Field.
Archibald Crary, <i>Esq;</i>	HOPKINTON :
Benjamin Tillinghaft, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Oliver Davis,
JAMESTOWN :	Mr. John Brown.
Mr. Benjamin Remington,	JOHNSTON :
Mr. John Weeden.	Emor Olney, <i>Esq;</i>
SMITHFIELD :	Mr. Edward Manton.
Stephen Arnold, <i>Esq;</i>	NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
Elisba Mowry, <i>Esq;</i>	Esek Hopkins, <i>Esq;</i>
SCITUATE :	BARRINGTON :
Rufus Hopkins, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Vial Allen.
William West, <i>Esq;</i>	FOSTER :
GLOUCESTER :	Mr. John Williams,
Daniel Owen, <i>Esq;</i>	William Tyler, <i>Esq;</i>

BENJAMIN BOURNE, Esquire, Clerk of the Lower House.

UPON the Resolution of Congress, of *February the Eleventh*, Consuls of A. D. 1784, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the *Sieur de Marbois* be, and he is hereby recognized as Consul-General of *France* for the *United States*; and that the proper Notifications be issued, agreeable to the said Resolve.

AND in Pursuance of another Resolution of Congress of the same Date, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the *Sieur de Le Etombebe*, and he is hereby recognized as Consul of *France* for the States of *New-Hampshire, Massachusetts*, and this State; and that the proper Notifications be issued, agreeable to the said Resolve.

WHEREAS *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; and Mr. *William Waterman*, who *A. Hopkins* were appointed a Committee to examine the Account of Mr. *Asa Hopkins*, Keeper of the Goal in the County of *Providence*, presented *allowed £. 8 16s. 8d.* unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

WE the Subscribers, agreeable to our Appointment by the Honorable the General Assembly, at *February Session*, A. D. 1784, beg Leave to report, That we have examined the Account of Mr. *Asa Hopkins*, and find a further Sum of *Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eightpence* due thereon, over and above the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds* already granted him.

ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.  
WILLIAM WATERMAN, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Asa Hopkins*, out of the General Treasury.

THE Account of Mr. *John Russell* exhibited unto this Assembly, *for keeping a Guard at the Goal, in Providence, of three Men and himself, while the Rioters from Gloucester were there committed, Thirty-two Nights each, for which he was heretofore allowed Nineteen Pounds Four Shillings, Lawful Money, being duly considered, together with the Sheriff's Certificate thereon, It is Voted and Resolved*, That the further Sum of *Nineteen Pounds Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Russell* out of the General Treasury; the said two Sums making the Amount of his Account.

THE Account of Mr. *Stephen Mumford* exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services, as Collector of Excise for the County of *Kent*, from *April the First, 1783, to July the First following*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Consideration of the same be referred to *Archibald Cray, Joseph Nightingale and Ebenezer Thompson*, Esquires, and Messieurs *Peleg Clarke and George Champlin*, who, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of all the Excise-Officers, for their Services from *February Session, A. D. 1783, until the Act passed in June following*, respecting the Impost, took place; and that they report to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS

Report of  
the Commit-  
tee upon B.  
Bourne's Ac-  
count.

WHEREAS *Ezek Hopkins* and *John Foster*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, together with their Report thereon, and an Account by them charged against the State, as follow, *to wit* :

The State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , in Account with <i>Benjamin Bourne</i> , Dr.		
1784, } To Cath paid <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; Gene-	} £. 574 3 0	
June 28. } ral-Treasurer, per Receipt,		
		Ballance due the State,
		13 10 0½
		£. 587 13 0½

Creditor.

By Impost Money received from *February 20*, to *June 26*, 1784, of the undernamed Persons, *to wit* :

<i>Samuel Soule</i> ,	—	—	—	£. 5 6 3
<i>Caleb Godfrey</i> and Company,	—	—	—	7 2 10½
<i>Murray</i> , <i>Mumford</i> and <i>Bowen</i> ,	—	—	—	0 10 11½
<i>Joseph Comstock</i> and Company,	—	—	—	14 12 4
<i>Samuel Torrey</i> ,	—	—	—	1 10 2
<i>John Fittin</i> ,	—	—	—	18 13 5
<i>Richard Simmon</i> ,	—	—	—	4 4 2
<i>James Head</i> ,	—	—	—	0 5 9
<i>Thomas Sabin</i> ,	—	—	—	3 0 0
<i>Peter Howard</i> and Company,	—	—	—	10 12 9
<i>Elisba Brown</i> ,	—	—	—	0 1 0
<i>Zephaniab Brown</i> and Company,	—	—	—	15 10 11½
<i>Philip</i> and <i>Zachariah Allen</i> ,	—	—	—	44 19 11
<i>Isaac Brown</i> ,	—	—	—	1 8 0
<i>Israel Arnold</i> ,	—	—	—	0 11 9
<i>George Thurston</i> ,	—	—	—	0 15 10
<i>Edward Thompson</i> ,	—	—	—	15 18 8½
<i>Thurber</i> and <i>Candler</i> ,	—	—	—	2 11 10
<i>Pierre Douville</i> ,	—	—	—	4 0 3½
<i>Thomas L. Halfey</i> ,	—	—	—	45 15 3
<i>John Dorrance</i> ,	—	—	—	7 15 9½
<i>West</i> and <i>Tillingbast</i> ,	—	—	—	5 10 7½
<i>D. Sargeant</i> ,	—	—	—	1 5 6
<i>Samuel Nightingale</i> ,	—	—	—	2 11 11
<i>Remington Sheldou</i> ,	—	—	—	0 7 9½
<i>Smith Brown</i> ,	—	—	—	1 19 2
<i>Josiah Adams</i> ,	—	—	—	2 14 3
<i>William Earl</i> and Company,	—	—	—	2 10 11
<i>Ambrose Cole</i> ,	—	—	—	0 6 5
<i>Sylvanus Martin</i> ,	—	—	—	0 8 0
<i>John Brown</i> ,	—	—	—	64 6 11
<i>Mr. Dubosque</i> ,	—	—	—	21 3 6
<i>John Carter</i> ,	—	—	—	5 14 1
<i>Moses Lippitt</i> ,	—	—	—	3 15 0
<i>Samuel Ward</i> ,	—	—	—	0 7 2
<i>Samuel McClellan</i> and Sons,	—	—	—	45 13 4
<i>Messieurs Wbeatons</i> ,	—	—	—	6 2 6
				<i>Daniel</i>

Daniel Bucklin and Company,	—	—	£. 9 0 0
Clarke and Nigbringale,	—	—	38 19 1
William Brown,	—	—	0 15 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
William Morris,	—	—	11 4 0
Welcome Arnold,	—	—	28 12 8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Jonathan and Thomas Arnold,	—	—	74 4 10
Samuel Young and Company,	—	—	8 4 5
Elisba Brown and Company,	—	—	17 18 9
Hofsted Hacker,	—	—	1 4 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Abner Tbayer and Company,	—	—	12 3 2
Shubael Coffin,	—	—	10 6 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nebemiah Remsdale,	—	—	0 12 0
Benjamin Barnard,	—	—	1 15 9
Nicholas Power,	—	—	2 8 7

£. 587 13 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

Errors excepted, by

BENJAMIN BOURNE, Collector.

Providence, June 27, 1784.

WE the Subscribers, pursuant to our Appointment by the General Assembly, report, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, exhibited to us, an Account of the Monies by him received upon dutied Goods imported into said County, from the Twentieth Day of *February* to the Twenty-seventh Day of *June*, A. D. 1784, amounting to the Sum of *Five Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One Halfpenny*, Lawful Money: That he produced the Manifests of the Goods, the Names of the Persons by whom said Goods were imported, the Value thereof, and Duties arising thereon; by which it appears to us that the said Account, and every Article thereof is particularly proved: That he also produced to us a Receipt, which is hereunto annexed, by which it appears that the said *Benjamin Bourne* hath paid out of said Monies to *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, the Sum of *Five Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Three Shillings*; and that there is now remaining in the Hands of the said *Benjamin Bourne*, due to the State, the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings and One Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, as stated in the said Account, in which he hath not deducted any Commissions. All which is submitted by

ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.  
JOHN FOSTER, }

Providence, June 28, A. D. 1784.

The State	Dr.	
To <i>Esek Hopkins</i> , for his Service Two Days, at <i>Nine</i>		£. 0 18 0
<i>Shillings per Day,</i>		
To <i>John Foster</i> , for his Service Two Days, at <i>Nine</i>		0 18 0
<i>Shillings per Day,</i>		
		£. 1 16 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and hereby is accepted: That the said Sum  
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of *Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings and One Halfpenny*, found due to this State, be paid by the said *Benjamin Bourne* into the General-Treasury; and that the said Sum of *Eighteen Shillings* be paid to the said *Ezek Hopkins*, and the Sum of *Twelve Shillings* only, be paid to the said *John Foster*, out of the General-Treasury, for their Services.

Report of  
the Commit-  
tee on S.  
Mumford's  
Account.

WHEREAS *Ezek Hopkins* and *John Foster*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of *Stephen Mumford*, Esq, Collector of Impost for the County of *Kent*, and their Report thereon; and also an Account by them charged against the State, as follow, *to wit* :

State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , in Account with <i>Stephen Mumford</i> , Dr.		
1783. } To the General-Treasurer's Order, in	£	35 13 4
Dec. 30. } Favour of <i>Silas Casey</i> ,		
	To Do. Order, in Favour of <i>Samuel Ward</i> ,	28 15 6½
	To Do. Order, in Favour of <i>William Arnold</i> ,	45 5 5½
1784. } To Do. Order, in Favour of <i>Charles Greene</i> ,		0 16 3
Jan. 15. }		
March 18. } To Do. Order, in Favour of <i>Archibald Crary</i> ,		10 3 0½
April 20. } To Do. Order, in Favour of <i>Richard Mathewson</i> ,		11 8 6½
May 18. } To Do. Order, in Favour of Do.		2 14 8
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Ballance due to the State,		£ 134 16 9½
		47 16 1¼
		<hr/>
		£ 182 12 11

Creditor.

1783. } By Cash received of Mr. <i>Goodere</i> ,	£	1 8 0
Oct. 6. }		
	By Cash received of <i>George Crips</i> ,	2 11 10
Dec. 1. } By Do. received of <i>Job Pierce</i> and Company,		15 8 4
1784. }		
Jan. 9. } By Do. received of <i>Casey, Son and Greene</i> ,		78 2 9
	By Do. received of <i>Silas Casey</i> ,	25 5 1½
	By Do. received of <i>Silas Casey</i> , for <i>Thomas Jenkins</i> ,	38 19 0
	By Do. received of <i>William Arnold</i> ,	4 4 2½
	By Do. received of <i>Richard Mathewson</i> ,	4 4 2½
March 10. } By Do. received of <i>Casey, Son and Greene</i> ,		6 13 0
June 12. } By Do. received of <i>Robert Spencer</i> and Company,		1 6 5
	By Do. received of <i>Lewis Mowry</i> ,	0 12 10
	By Do. received of <i>Job Pierce</i> ,	3 17 3
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		£ 182 12 11

Errors excepted, by

STEPHEN MUMFORD.

WE



WE the Subscribers, pursuant to our Appointment by the General Assembly, report, That *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Kent*, exhibited to us, an Account of Monies by him received, as Collector, for Goods imported into the said County, from the Sixth Day of *October*, A. D. 1783, to the Tenth Day of *June*, A. D. 1784, amounting to the Sum of *One Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Elevenpence*; and also his Account, charged for fundry Payments, out of the said Monies, of Orders drawn upon him by *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, and produced the said Orders to us: That we have carefully examined the said Account, and find that there is a Balance due thereon from the said *Stephen Mumford* to the State of *Forty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One Penny Farthing*, as by him stated, without any Charge or Deduction for his Commissions. All which is submitted,

by *ESEK HOPKINS,* } Committee.  
*JOHN FOSTER,* }

The State	Dr.	
To <i>Esek Hopkins</i> , for his Service Two Days, at <i>Nine</i> } <i>Shillings per Day,</i>		£ 0 18 0
To <i>John Foster</i> , for his Service Two Days, at <i>Nine</i> } <i>Shillings per Day,</i>		0 18 0
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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Forty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One Penny Farthing*, found due to this State, be paid by the said *Stephen Mumford*, into the General-Treasury: And that the said Sum of *Eighteen Shillings* be paid to the said *Esek Hopkins*, and the Sum of *Twelve Shillings* only, be paid to the said *John Foster*, out of the General-Treasury, for their Services.

THE Account of *Mr. Vial Allen*, exhibited unto this Assembly, *V. Allen* allowed £1 4s. for his Horse-Hire and Expences, in going Expres to *Providence* from *Newport*, by Order of Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant *Bailey*, in *October*, A. D. 1781, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Vial Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Pierce*, *Daniel Sunderlin*, Justices of *Samuel Gorton*, *Phinebas Kinyon* and *Nicholas Gardner* (Son of *George*) the Peace in *Esquires*, be, and they are hereby appointed Justices of the Peace *Exeter*. for the Town of *Exeter*.

WHEREAS *Mr. Joseph Sisson*, of *Portsmouth*, presented a Petition *Petition of*, unto this Assembly, representing, That he has been confined in the *J. Sisson* Goal, at *Newport*, ever since *May*, A. D. 1783, upon an Execution, granted. for the Rent of a Farm by him hired of this State, which he is utterly unable to satisfy, and thereupon prayed for Relief: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Sisson* be released from his present Confinement, upon his giving his promissory

promissory Note to the General Treasurer, for the Payment of the Rent due from him, with Interest from the Date thereof, and paying all Costs and Fees of Prosecution and Commitment.

Infantry Officers *Smithfield.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Persons be, and they are hereby appointed, to command the Third Company of Infantry in the Town of *Smithfield*, to wit: *Samuel Holmes*, Captain; *William Fuller*, Lieutenant; and *Zenos Winsor*, Ensign.

Resolve of Congress respecting Commissioners of Accounts to be printed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Proceedings of Congress, of June the Third, A. D. 1784, respecting the Commissioners of Accounts, be published in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers, as soon as may be.

*W. Champlin* allowed £.11s. 8d. THE Account of Mr. *William Champlin*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Time, Horse-Hire, and Expences, in going after *James Brown*, who counterfeited and passed the General-Treasurer's Notes, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Eleven Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Champlin*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Wickes* allowed £.44 17s. 11d. A CERTIFICATE given by the General-Treasurer unto Mr. *John Wickes*, for *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, Continental Money, in *March*, A. D. 1778, for a Slave, who insisted into this State's Continental Battalion, exhibited unto this Assembly, and the Report of the Auditor thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Amount found due thereon, of *Forty-four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Elevenpence*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Wickes*, out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Marchant's* Resignation accepted. WHEREAS *Henry Marchant*, Esq; who was elected in *May* last, One of the Delegates in Congress for this State, for the present Year, did, at the last Session of this Assembly, signify his Resignation of that Office: *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

Committee to audit *W. Davis's* Account. UPON the Account of *William Davis*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, the following Report was made, to wit:

*Newport*, June 30, A. D. 1784.

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable Upper House; a Committee to examine the Account of *William Davis*, do report, That we find due thereon, to the said *William Davis*, the Sum of *Forty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Twopence*, Lawful Money.

GIDEON MUMFORD, }  
JOHN COOK, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby re-committed to the said *Gideon Mumford* and *John Cook*, and to *Henry Marchant*

*Marchant and Rouse J. Helme, Esquires, and Mr. Paul Allen, who are hereby appointed a Committee to re-examine the same; and that they report thereon as soon as may be.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to advance and pay unto John Rose, Esq; the Sum of Seventeen Pounds Six Shillings, Lawful Money, on Account, and in part Payment of a Note given him by the said General-Treasurer; for Two Negroes enlisted into the Service; and that the said Sum of Seventeen Pounds Six Shillings, be by the General-Treasurer indorsed on the said Note.*

*J. Rose allowed £.17 6s.*



An ACT empowering the Delegates of this State to take their Seats in Congress, on *November* the First, A. D. 1784, and to continue a Year from that Time.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That William Ellery, David Howell, and John Brown, Esquires (*Henry Marchant, Esq; having resigned*) who were chosen Delegates to Congress, at the Election in *May* last, shall serve in Congress for One Year, to commence on the First Monday in *November* next; and that the Time of Service of the Delegates who shall hereafter be annually elected to serve in Congress for One Year, shall commence on the First Monday in *November* next ensuing their Appointment.

*Delegates to take their Seats in Congress.*

AND it is further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary furnish the Delegates to Congress, whensoever he shall be by them, or either of them, thereunto requested, with Commissions, signed by the Governor, under the Seal of the State, particularly specifying the Time for which they are appointed.



WHEREAS the Corporation of the College, in this State, are collecting a Philosophical Apparatus, and there is no particular Use at this Time for the Sextant that belongs to the State, which is now deposited in the *Redwood Library*: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Instrument be removed from the City of *Newport*, and deposited in the Apparatus Room of the College, in the Town of *Providence*, for the Use of the Students: *Provided nevertheless*, That the said Sextant shall always be at the Disposal of the General Assembly.

*Sextant lent to the College at Providence.*

THE Petition of Mrs. *Elizabeth Wightman* preferred unto this Assembly, representing, that she has a helpless Child to support, and praying this Assembly to make her the same Allowance as she received the last Year, out of the Estate which was her Husband's,

*Estate of G. Wightman released, for the Support of his Wife and Child.*

that has been confiscated, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Interest and Title of this State to the Estate of *George Wightman*, her Husband, be released unto *Mr. Holmes Wightman*, his Son, on Condition that the said *Holmes Wightman* pay and satisfy the Debts due from the said Estate before the same was confiscated; and that he maintain his said Mother, *Elizabeth Wightman*, and the said helpless Infant, named *Moses*, in such Manner as shall give Satisfaction to the Town-Council of *North-Kingstown*.

Committee  
to enquire  
into the  
Sums paid to  
Officers and  
Soldiers.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Archibald Crary*, *Henry Marchant*, and *Nathan Miller*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take the proper Measures, in Pursuance of the Resolutions of Congress, respecting the Pay and Supplies made by this State to Officers and Soldiers, and the Necessity of notifying the same to the Pay-Master-General; and that they report thereon as soon as may be.

*A. Tew* allowed  
£.19  
14s. 2d.

AN Account exhibited unto this Assembly, by *Mrs. Anne Tew*, Executrix of the last Will of *James Tew*, deceased, for boarding divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the Governor and Company to the Goal, in *Newport*, when the said *James Tew* was Keeper thereof, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nineteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Twopence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to the said *Anne Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. South-  
wick's* Ac-  
count refer-  
red.

UPON the Account of *Solomon Southwick*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for Rations supplied the Troops doing Duty at *Newport*, in the Year 1782, &c. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Hazard* and *Henry Marchant*, Esquires, and *Mr. George Champlin*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into and examine the said Account; and that they report thereon to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Further  
Time allow-  
ed for Pay-  
ment of  
Taxes.

WHEREAS, by Reason of the late very severe and tedious Winter, and the great Scarcity of circulating Cash, many Towns are still delinquent in paying into the General-Treasury their respective Quotas of the State Tax, ordered in *June* last: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriffs of the respective Counties be, and they are hereby directed, to stay and suspend the Service of the Executions issued by the General-Treasurer, now in their Hands, against the several Town-Treasurers, for Delinquency in Payment of the aforesaid Tax, for the Space of Two Months, from the Rising of this Assembly; the Resolution of this Assembly, passed at the last Session, to the contrary notwithstanding.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the several Sheriffs, at the Expiration of the aforesaid Period, proceed immediately to levy and execute the aforesaid Executions against such Town-Treasurers as shall be then delinquent, for the Sums which shall be then due, with Interest.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly will not postpone the Payment of the State Tax, ordered at June Session last, beyond the Time limited by a Resolution passed at this Session, postponing the same for the Space of Two Months. Resolve against further postponing the last Tax.

A CERTIFICATE given Mr. *Simeon Clarke*, for a Blanket, by him furnished for the Recruits raised in the Year 1782, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid Mr. *Samuel Stanton*, the present Owner of the said Certificate, out of the General-Treasury. S. Stanton allowed 18s.

A CERTIFICATE given *Samuel Tefft*, Esq; for a Blanket, by him furnished for the Recruits raised in the Year 1781, valued at *Eighty Pounds*, Continental Money, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Pound One Shilling and Fourpence*, Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof in Specie, by the Auditor's Report, be allowed and paid to Mr. *Samuel Stanton*, the present Owner of the said Certificate, out of the General-Treasury. S. Stanton allowed £. 1 1s. 4d.

UPON the Petition of *Edward Gavet*, a wounded Soldier, presented unto this Assembly, praying, that a Grant may be made him out of the General-Treasury, the following Report was made, *to wit*: E. Gavet put upon the List of Pensioners.

AORÉEABLE to our Appointment by the Honorable Lower House of Assembly, we have examined into the Merits of the said Petition, and do report, That the said *Edward Gavet* ought to be put on the List of Pensioners, at and after the Rate of *Four Dollars* per Month.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, } Committee.  
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted: That the said *Edward Gavet's* Name be enrolled in the List of Pensioners: That he be allowed the Sum of *Twenty-four Shillings* per Month: That the same be paid him quarterly by the General-Treasurer, in the same Manner as the enrolled Pensioners are paid; and that the First Quarter commence on the Twenty-eighth Day of *February* last.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money, being the Balance due to Mr. *John Slocum*, for Stock driven from *Rhode-Island*, and for which the General-Treasurer was directed to give his Note, payable in *March*, A. D. 1785, be now paid him out of the General-Treasury, with the Interest thereon, from the Fourth Day of *March*, A. D. 1783. J. Slocum allowed £. 7 10s.

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THE Account of Mr. *Thomas Bowen* exhibited unto this Assembly, for Eighteen Pair of screwed Hand-Cuffs delivered for the Use of the T. Bowen allowed £. 4 10s.  
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\* THE Petition of the Executors of *Thomas Richardson*, late of *Newport*, deceased, praying an Allowance for warlike Stores, furnished by the said *Thomas Richardson* to the State, was referred to a Committee, who, I suppose, took the Claim and Vote from the Table; so that the Appointment cannot be entered in Form in the Schedule.

Goal, in *Providence*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Bowen*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to examine into Circumstances of Negroes who enlisted and are unable to support themselves.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Dexter*, *Archibald Crary*, and *Rouse J. Helme*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the particular Circumstances of such Negroes, who were Slaves, and enlisted into the Continental Army, by Virtue of an Act of this Assembly, and are rendered incapable of maintaining themselves; and that they report what Allowance, if any, it is necessary should be made them, and by whom such Allowance shall be made.

*A. Hopkins* allowed £.16 6s. 7d.

THE Account of Mr. *Afa Hopkins*, Keeper of the Goal, in the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the Governor and Company, from the Twenty-eighth Day of *February* to the Twenty-ninth Day of *June*, A. D. 1784, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Pounds Six Shillings and Sevenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Afa Hopkins*, out of the General-Treasury.

Articles of Confederation, respecting the Mode of estimating the Value of the different States, adhered to,

THIS Assembly having maturely considered the Resolution of Congress, of the Eighteenth Day of *April*, A. D. 1783, recommending a Mode to the several Legislatures of ascertaining the Proportions of the several States of the public Expenditures, in Lieu of the Mode pointed out in the Eighth Article of Confederation, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That it is the Sense of this Assembly, that the Mode pointed out in the said Article of Confederation is more just and equal than that recommended in the aforesaid Resolution, of the Eighteenth Day of *April*, A. D. 1783; and that this Assembly therefore adhere to the Rule already established in the said Article of Confederation.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly will, as soon as may be, cause a Valuation of the Lands in this State to be made, pursuant to the aforesaid Article, and when finished, will forward the same to Congress.

*G. Grant* allowed £.3.

THE Account of Mr. *Gilbert Grant*, a Deputy Sheriff, for the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for the Time, Horse-Hire, and Expences of himself and Aid, in Search of *Thomas Steele* and *William Sayles*, for counterfeiting the Financier's Orders, and committing the said *Thomas Steele* to Goal, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Gilbert Grant*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Dexter* allowed £.3 4s. 7d.

THE Account of *John Dexter*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Horse-Hire, Expences, and Commissions, for selling confiscated Land, in *Cumberland*, by Order of Assembly, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being

being *Three Pounds Four Skillings and Sevenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Dexter*, out of the General-Treasury.

THE Petition of Mr. *Oliver Child*, preferred unto this Assembly, *O. Child al-* representing, that his Son, *Jeremiah Child*, was a Soldier in the Con-  
tinent Army, in the Year 1776, and died, while a Prisoner in *Quebec*; and praying that the Wages due to his said Son, at the Time of his Death, might be paid him, being duly considered, together with Captain *John Topham's* Certificate thereon, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to the said *Oliver Child*, out of the General-Treasury, in full for the Wages due to his said Son, *Jeremiah Child*, from the First Day of *October*, A. D. 1775, to the First Day of *March*, A. D. 1776, being the Time of his Death. *lowed £.10.*

A CERTIFICATE given by the Committee appointed to value *J. Harris al-* Slaves, unto *Joseph Harris*, Esq; for *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*,  
Continental Money, in *March*, A. D. 1778, for a Slave, who in-  
sisted into this State's Continental Battalion, exhibited unto this  
Assembly, and the Report of the Auditor thereon, being duly con-  
sidered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted;  
and that the Amount found due thereon, of *Forty-three Pounds Three*  
*Skillings and Tenpence One Farthing*, Lawful Money, be allowed and  
paid the said *Joseph Harris*, out of the General-Treasury. *lowed £.43*  
*3s. 10d. 4.*

WHEREAS Mr. *William Littlefield*, late a Captain-Lieutenant, in *Petition of*  
the Pay of this State and Service of the United States, preferred a  
Petition unto this Assembly, representing, that while he was upon  
*Block-Island*, to see his Father and Friends, a malicious and false  
Report was spread by some Person unknown, that he went there with  
an Intent to carry on a Trade with the Enemy; whereby this As-  
sembly were induced, at *March* Session, A. D. 1781, to order that  
he should remain upon *Block-Island*, and be incapable of receiving  
the Balance due for the Depreciation of his Wages; and that con-  
scious of his own Innocence, and of having served with the Repu-  
tation becoming a good Officer, he took the earliest Opportunity of  
applying for Liberty to appear before the General Assembly for a  
Hearing, which was granted; but that his Petition hath laid upon  
the Board ever since, without any further Proceedings thereon: And  
thereupon the said *William Littlefield* prayed this Assembly to repeal  
the said Resolution, made at *March* Session, A. D. 1781, and di-  
rect that he may receive his Depreciation-Money: Which being  
duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be,  
and the same is hereby granted: That the General-Treasurer be,  
and he is hereby directed, to give to the said *William Littlefield* his  
Note, payable on Demand, with Interest, from the First Day of  
*August*, A. D. 1780, for the Amount of Three-Fourths of the Ba-  
lance due to him; and that the other Fourth Part be paid out of the  
General-Treasury. *W. Littlefield*  
*granted.*

UPON the Accounts exhibited by the Town of *Providence* to this *Town of Pro-*  
Assembly, of Doctor *William Bowen* and Mrs. *Lettis Young*, for the  
Doctor's Bill, Boarding, Nursing, and funeral Expences of *William* *lowed £.23*  
*D Eccleston,* *8s.*

*Eccleston*, a Person that was brought to the said Town from the Prison-Ship at *New-York*, in the Year 1782, the following Report was made, to wit :

THE Committee upon the said Accounts, beg Leave to report, That there be a Deduction made from *Lettis Young's* Account of *Three Pounds*; and that thereupon the Sum of *Twenty-three Pounds Eight Shillings*, be allowed and paid the Town of *Providence*, for the Charges that arose upon the Sicknels and Burial of the said *William Eccleston*, formerly a Prisoner on board a Prison-Ship at *New-York*, and released therefrom by a Flag from this State; and that the said Sum be charged to the United States.

HENRY MARCHANT,  
PELEG CLARKE,  
ARCHIBALD CRARY,  
DANIEL MASON, } Committee.

City of *Newport*, July 1, A. D. 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Twenty-three Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to the Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Providence*, out of the General-Treasury.

Additional  
Voterespect-  
ing the De-  
legates.

WHEREAS, by a Resolution of this Assembly, passed at the present Session, the Delegates chosen to represent this State in Congress, at the Election in *May* last, and who accepted their Appointment, are authorized and empowered to serve in Congress for One Year, to commence on the First *Monday* in *November* next: And whereas Doubts may arise, respecting the Powers of the said Delegates to represent this State in Congress, if the same should be specially convened before that Time, or in the Committee of the States: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Delegates, or any Two of them, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to represent this State in Congress, if the same should be specially convened, or either of them, in the Committee of the States, until the said First *Monday* of *November*; any thing in the said Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.

Balances due  
Officers and  
Soldiers  
£. 506 11.  
allowed.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes* and *Ebenezer Thompson*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report of the Sums still due on Two Grants made by this Assembly, in the Year 1782, to the Officers and Soldiers of this State's Continental Battalion, to wit :

THE Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly (with *Rouse J. Helme*, Esq;) to examine Colonel *Jeremiah Olney's* Accounts, &c. beg Leave to report, That we have examined the said Accounts, and find the Sums charged the Officers and Soldiers, in the Settlement with the State, compares with the Muster-Roll; and that there is due to the Officers and Soldiers of the *Rhode-Island* Line, on the First Order of *February* the Eighth, A. D. 1782, *Sixty-two Pounds Six Shillings*. Principal, and *Forty-two Pounds Three Shillings and Ninepence*, Interest, to the Thirtieth of  
June,



June, Instant: That there is also due, on the Order for Three Months Pay, of May the Second, A. D. 1782, *One Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Twopence*, Principal, and *Two Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Twopence*, Interest, to the Thirtieth of June, Instant; the Whole amounting to *Five Hundred and Six Pounds and One Penny*, Lawful Money. All which is submitted, by your humble Servants,

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JOHN JENCKES,  
EBENEZER THOMPSON, } Committee.

Providence, June 26, 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted: And that the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to issue Certificates to Colonel *Jeremiah Olney*, for the Use of the several individual Officers and Soldiers, for their respective Balances of the said Sum now found due on the said Orders, agreeable to the said Report; and that the said Certificates be received by the General-Treasurer, in Payment of the next State Tax which may be ordered by this Assembly.

WHEREAS *James Parker*, of *South-Kingstown*, and *Jeffery Wilcox*, of *Exeter*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, at the Session held in *December* last, representing, that as Bondsmen for *Samuel Knowles*, late of *Richmond* (whose Estate hath been confiscated to the Use of this State) for the Maintenance of a Bastard Child, born of *Sarah Mumford*, they have been sued by the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of *South-Kingstown*, who have obtained Judgment and Execution for Two Years Maintenance of the said Child, besides what had been theretofore paid, &c. and prayed for Relief: And the said Petition having been submitted to a Committee, who, for Want of the necessary Evidence, reported that the said Execution should be stayed until the further Order of this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the subject Matter of the said Petition be again referred to the same Committee, to wit: *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esquires: That they enquire into the Sum which the said Bondsmen ought to pay, and what Proportion thereof (if any) should be paid by this State, on Account of the said *Samuel Knowles's* Estate being confiscated.

A NOTE given by the General-Treasurer, to *Sylvester Robinson*, S. Robinson Esq; for *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, Continental Money, in *May*, A. D. 1778, for a Slave, who inlisted into this State's Continental Battalion, exhibited unto this Assembly, and the Report of *Rouse J. Helme*, Esq; thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Amount found due on the said Note, of *Forty-two Pounds Seventeen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Sylvester Robinson*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Owen*, Esq; and Mr. *Stephen Steere*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to settle Accounts with

Directors of Lotteries. adjust and settle the Accounts of the Directors of the Lotteries for repairing the *South-Killingly Road*, and the Highway, by *Enoch Whipple's*.

*S. Deblois* restored. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Stephen Deblois* be, and he is hereby declared to be a free Citizen of this State; and as such, entitled to all the Rights, Privileges and Immunities of a Citizen thereof.

Committee to sell Hospital Stores. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Nightingale* and *Ebenezer Thompson*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Situation of the Hospital Stores belonging to this State, in the Hands of *Mr. Olney Winsor*, or any other Person: That they dispose of the same at Public Vendue, and pay the Proceeds into the General-Treasury; and that they make Report thereon to this Assembly at the next Session.

Petition of *J. Freebody* granted. WHEREAS *Mr. John Freebody*, of *Newport*, Mariner, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, representing, that heretofore he presented a Petition, setting forth the Reasons and Circumstances of his being at *Long-Island* at the Time the Enemy evacuated *Rhode-Island*: That he had never borne Arms against the United States, or was inimical thereto: And that he hath an Estate in *North-Carolina*, which has been confiscated, in Consequence of his having been deemed an Absentee in this State; and which, he is fully assured, if he was restored to the Rights and Privileges of a Citizen of this State, would be delivered to him again: And thereupon the said *John Freebody* prayed this Assembly to restore him to all the Rights, Privileges and Immunities of a free Citizen: And the said Petition having been referred to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, *to wit*:

THE Subscribers having been appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee, at their present Session, to ascertain the Claims and Demands against the Estate of *Mr. John Freebody*, which hath been confiscated to and for the Use of this State, do report, That they have carefully examined the several Claims to them exhibited, and compared them with the Vouchers, and find the same to amount to the Sum of *Three Thousand Seven Hundred and One Dollars*. The Committee further report, That the said *John Freebody* had a Right to the Two-seventh Parts of an undivided Estate, lying in the Town of *Newport*, which descended to him from his Mother, which hath been confiscated to and for the Use of this State: And that, in the Opinion of the Committee, and from the best Information they have obtained, the said Estate is by no Means of sufficient Value to discharge the said Demands. All which is submitted, by

JOHN JENCKES,	} Committee.
JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE,	
H. SHERBURNE,	
WILLIAM CHANNING,	

*Newport, July 2, 1784,*

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and hereby is granted : That the Estate of the said *John Freebody*, which has been confiscated, be, and the same is hereby restored to him, in as full and ample Manner as though the same had not been confiscated : And that the said *John Freebody* be, and he is hereby declared to be a free Citizen of this State, and entitled to all the Rights, Privileges and Immunities of a free Citizen thereof.

WHEREAS *Robert Stoddard*, late of *Newport*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, representing, that when the *British Troops* took Possession of *Rhode-Island*, he was a Youth, about Sixteen Years of Age, without Parents or Guardians, and destitute of Friends to advise him : That he entered as a Midshipman on board a *British Frigate* : That when Count *D'Estaing's* Fleet came into the Harbour of *Newport*, the Frigate he belonged to was burnt, and the Officers and Men belonging to her ordered into the Redoubts : And that as soon as the Expedition was over, he left the *British Service*, and some Time after went to *Long-Island*, where he endeavoured to atone for the inconsiderate Transactions of his early Youth, by rendering all the Service in his Power to the United States ; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to admit him a Citizen of this State : And the said Petition, together with divers Testimonials of the good Conduct of the said *Robert Stoddard*, when upon *Long-Island*, made by Persons of respectable Characters, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be granted ; and that the said *Robert Stoddard* be, and he is hereby declared to be a free Citizen of this State, and entitled to all the Rights, Privileges and Immunities of a Citizen thereof.

WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of this State have applied to this Assembly, with Certificates from the Staff-Officers, for Supplies furnished for the United States during the late War, requesting Payment, and representing, that the Commissioner from the United States declines settling them : Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, *Henry Marchant* and *Joseph Nightingale*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to confer with *Edward Chinn*, Esq; the said Commissioner, and request that he will proceed to settle all Accounts, or Certificates, for Supplies for the United States, agreeable to his Instructions ; and that it is the Determination of this Assembly not to make any further Advances to the United States, by paying such Certificates.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Impost on all Goods of foreign Growth or Manufacture, imported into this State, by Land or Water, agreeable to an Act of this Assembly, passed at June Session, A. D. 1783, be, and the same is hereby raised, from Two to Two and an Half per Centum ; and that this Resolution take Place in Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly.

UPON the Petition of *Benjamin Kent*, Esq; Messieurs *Joseph Pearce* and *John Head*, of *Boston*, in the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, Merchants, Executors of the last Will and Testament of *Jane Eastis*, *Pearce and J. Head* referred.

late of said *Boston*, Shopkeeper, deceased, preferred unto this Assembly, representing, that a certain Estate, lying in the Town of *Newport*, the Property of the said *Jane Eustis*, has been confiscated to and for the Use of this State, as the Property of *Sampson Salter Blowers*, and praying for Relief, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Marchant* and *William Canning*, Esquires, and Mr. *Peleg Clarke*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and report thereon to this Assembly at the next Session.

*D. Howell* al- *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty-*  
lowed £. 155, five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny, Lawful Money,  
16s. 2d  $\frac{1}{2}$ . be paid to *David Howell*, Esq; out of the first Monies belonging to  
this State that shall be received into the General-Treasury; the same  
being for the Balance due to him upon an Order which he had on the  
General-Treasurer.

*S. Mumford* UPON the Account of *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; Intendant of Trade  
to pay £. 13 for the Port of *East-Greenwich*, for Light-Money by him received,  
9s. 10 R. Ste- the following Report was made, to wit:  
vents.

THE Committee appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, to settle the Accounts of *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *East-Greenwich*, report, that we have examined the said Account, and find the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds Nine Shillings*, Lawful Money, due from the said *Stephen Mumford* to this State.

ARCHIBALD CRARY, }  
FRANCIS MALBONE, } Committee.  
JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE, }

*Newport*, July 3, 1784.

N. B. No Commissions have been deducted out of said Sum.

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted: And that the Sum found due from the said *Stephen Mumford* to this State, amounting to *Thirteen Pounds Nine Shillings*, Lawful Money, be by him paid to Mr. *Robert Stevens*, in Part of his Account for repairing the Light-House.

Report of the WHEREAS *Francis Mulbone*, *Archibald Crary*, and *Joseph*  
Committee *Nightingale*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly, a State of the  
upon R. Ste- Account of Mr. *Robert Stevens*, for repairing the Light-House on  
vent's Ac- *Beaver-Tail*, and building a Dwelling-House near the same, and  
count. their Report thereon, as follow, to wit:

State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> to <i>Robert Stevens</i>		Dr.	£	s	d
1783.	To Cash paid Labourers getting out Timber	}	0	5	6
	and Plank, and piling on the Wharf,				
Oct. 6.	3 Cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lb. Cordage of G. G. at	}	2	3	5
	48/ and Trucking, 6d.				
	138 Squares of Glass, delivered <i>Wilbor</i> to	}	2	6	0
	set, 6 by 8,				
					24 Ditto

	24 Do. to <i>J. Langley</i> , for a Window which was set, 8 <i>s</i> . 2 Blocks, 12 <i>s</i> .	£. 1 0 0
	1 Thousand 4 <i>d</i> . Nails, 4/6, 3½ <i>lb</i> . Spun yarn, and 5½ <i>lb</i> . Cordage, 4/9.	0 9 3
22.	1 Thousand Cedar Shingles,	1 5 6
	Paid <i>Barlow</i> , for Freight of Timber, Boards, &c. from <i>Conanicut</i> ,	3 18 0
	Five Hundred and One Quarter Feet Oak Boards, 35/7, paid <i>Randal</i> for Joist, 6 <i>l</i> .	7 15 7
	Paid <i>Willis</i> , <i>Springer</i> , and <i>Morgan</i> , for getting Timber to <i>Conanicut</i> ,	1 7 0
	Provisions for Do. 6 <i>s</i> . Carting Piece of Timber, 4 <i>d</i> .	0 6 4
	Paid Mr. <i>Cranston</i> , for piloting a Sloop to <i>Conanicut</i> ,	0 6 0
	12 Pieces Oak Joist, 1 Piece Pine, about 150 Feet,	0 12 6
	Trucking, Do. 6 <i>d</i> . 6 Hogheads Lime, 7 <i>l</i> . 8 <i>s</i> .	7 8 6
	Wharfage of Lime, 1/6, Pair Hinges, 5/6,	0 7 0
	Paid <i>Springer</i> , for fixing two Blocks for a Tackle,	0 1 9
	Paid <i>W. Willis</i> , for getting Timber and Bricks on board the Boat,	0 2 6
	Paid for 1 Day's Work, 4/6,	0 4 6
25th.	Paid <i>Barlow</i> Freight of Timber, &c.	4 10 0
31st.	Paid <i>John Langley's</i> Bill for window Frames and Sashes,	2 6 3
	Paid for 4 Thousand Bricks 96 <i>s</i> , 2½ Thousand Laths, 33 <i>s</i> ,	6 9 0
Nov. 4.	Paid <i>Lee Langley</i> , for Sashes, as per Bill,	1 0 0
	Paid for 12 Gallons Rum,	3 0 0
	Paid for Carrying 8 Pieces Timber to the Ferry Wharff,	0 5 4
10th.	Paid for 1 Kegg Rum, 4½ Gallons, 22/6,	1 17 6
	17th, 1 Jugg Do. 15 <i>s</i> ,	
19th.	Paid for getting Boards on board the Ferry-Boat,	0 1 0
	Paid <i>Borden</i> , for 473 Feet Joist, 28/6,	2 15 2
	December 1st, 1 Jugg Oil, 26/8,	
	Paid for 1 Bushel Hair, 1/4, Carting Lead to the Ferry-Boat, 1 <i>s</i> ,	0 2 4
	Paid for 3198 Feet Boards, 13 <i>l</i> . 8 <i>s</i> . 7 <i>d</i> .	15 7 9
	466 Feet, Do. 39/2,	
	Paid for 1442 Feet Do. 6 <i>l</i> . 0 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . 1296 Feet Do. 5 <i>l</i> . 9 <i>s</i> . 9 <i>d</i> .	11 10 3
	Paid for 1828 Feet Do. 7 <i>l</i> . 15 <i>s</i> . 8 <i>d</i> . 544 Feet Do. 2 <i>l</i> . 5 <i>s</i> . 9 <i>d</i> .	10 1 5
	Paid for 500 Feet Do. 2 <i>l</i> . 2 <i>s</i> . 0 <i>d</i> . 562 Feet Do. 2 <i>l</i> . 7 <i>s</i> . 0 <i>d</i> .	4 9 0
	Paid for 241 Feet Do. clear, 1 <i>l</i> . 9 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> .	10 18 6
	10½ Thousand Shingles, 9 <i>l</i> . 9 <i>s</i> . 0 <i>d</i> .	
	Paid	

Paid for 1 Pair HL Hinges, 1/6, 1 Padlock,	£. 0	3	9
1/6, 95 10d. Nails, 1/3,			
Paid for 5 Pair HL Hinges, 7/6, 56lb. White	2	3	6
Lead, 36f,			
Paid for 1 Paint-Brush, 2f, 2 Thousand 6d.	1	1	3
Nails, 14f, 7lb. Deck Do. 5/3,			
Paid for 14lb. Deck Nails, 10/6, 1 large	1	0	6
Stock-Lock, 10f,			
Paid for 1 Day's Labour, getting Brick on	0	4	6
board a Sloop,			
Paid for 3 Thousand Feet Pine Timber of	8	2	0
<i>Elisba Ruggles,</i>			
Paid for 3 Thousand 20d. Nails, 42f, 2			
Thousand 10d. Do. 20f, 2 Thousand 6d.	3	16	0
Do. 14f,			
Paid for 260 Feet Timber, 21/8, Carting	1	3	4
Shingles, 8d. Lead, 1f,			
Paid <i>Wyatt's</i> Bill, for Laths,	0	6	6
Paid Expences to <i>East-Greenwich</i> , attending	1	18	0
the Assembly,			
Paid for 1500 Shingles, 40/6, 8000 Laths,	3	4	6
24f,			
Paid <i>Nathan Bowen's</i> Bill,	7	3	4
Paid <i>Edward Bailey's</i> Bill,	1	7	0
Paid for 733 Feet Pine Timber,	2	14	0
Paid for 26 Feet Joist, 2/6, 1000 Cedar	1	8	6
Shingles, 26f,			
Paid for 2000 Shingles, 36f, 1 Day's Labour,	2	0	6
4/6,			
Paid for 1215 Feet Boards, at 84f per M.	4	16	0
Paid Freight of 3 Boxes of Glafs from <i>Pro-</i>	0	1	0
<i>vidence,</i>			
Paid for 147 Squares 7 by 9 Glafs, at 4d.	2	6	8
per Square,			
Paid for 56lb. White Lead, 30f, Carting Do.	1	10	8
8d.			
Paid for 1000 10d. Nails, 9f, Jugg Lin-	1	15	8
seed Oil, 26/8,			
Paid for 105b. Deck Nails, 7/6, 2½ Gallons	1	0	0
Rum, 12/6,			
Paid for 326 Feet Boards, 29/4, 2 Gallons	1	19	4
<i>West-India</i> Rum, 10f,			
Paid for 4000 Shingles 3d. 12s. 0d. 1 Hogf-	4	18	0
head of Lime, 26f,			
Paid for 273 Feet Timber, 22/9, Half a	1	6	3
Thousand 6d. Nails, 2/6,			
Paid for 1000 10d. Nails, 9f, 1 Paint-Brush,	0	10	4
1/4,			
Paid <i>Peter Mumford's</i> Bill, 33l. <i>Samuel</i>	37	13	6
<i>Carr's</i> Do. 4l. 13s. 6d.			
Paid <i>Benjamin Spooner's</i> Bill, 34l. 12s. 0d.	52	12	0
<i>Casby</i> Son and <i>Greene's</i> Do. 18l.			
Paid			

Paid Benjamin Stanton's Do. 85l. 11s.	107	7	0
Daniel Smith's Do. 21l. 16s.			
Paid Isaac Barker's Do. 16l. 19s. Samuel	35	3	0
Tompkin's Do. 19l. 4s.			
Paid John Pitman's Do. 49l. os. 6d. Benja-	57	0	6
min Pitman's Do. 8l.			
Paid James Clarke's Do. 7l. 4s. Fones Hazard's	12	4	0
Do. 5l.			
Paid John Hadwen's Do. 5l. 14s. Samuel	6	10	0
Thurston's Do. 16s.			
Paid James Caboone's Do. 1l. 14s. Samuel	4	1	0
Slocum's Do. 2l. 7s.			
Paid Joseph and William Russell, for 3 Boxes	11	2	6
of Glais,			
June. Paid for 1 Pair Shears, 1/2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , 2 Gimblets, 11d.	0	2	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Paid for 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb. Candle-Wick, 7/6, 1lb. of	0	9	2
Candles, 1/2, <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> lb. Brimstone, 6d.			
Paid for Wharfage of Timber, Lime and	0	11	8
Brick,			
Paid for 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Gallons Rum,	1	12	6
Paid Jonathan Stoddard's Bill, 5l. 9s. James	8	14	8
Clarke's Do. 3l. 5s. 8d.			
Paid John Caboone's Do. 6s, Seth Melvill's	10	6	0
Do. 10l.			
Paid Samuel Slocum's Do. 9/6, Benjamin	6	17	11
Wilbor's Do. 6l. 8s. 5d.			
Paid John Kerber's Do. 18/2, Samuel Carr's	2	10	6
Do. 32/4,			
Paid Benjamin Spooner's Do. 14l. 5s. Joseph	18	6	0
Burrell's Do. 4l. 1s.			
Paid George Gibbs's Do. 7l. 1s. 3d. Joseph	50	5	11
Brown's Do. 43l. 4s. 3d.			
Paid John Kerber's Do. 12l. 4s. 6d. 56lb.	14	0	6
Red Lead omitted, 36s.			
Paid for 2 Spars, 24s, paid Larkin for	1	5	0
Trucking Lead, 1/,			
Paid short Charge in Benjamin Wilbor's Bill,	1	18	10
Paid for 400 Brick,	0	9	8
To 6 Months Interest on 220l. 11s. 2d. at	6	12	6
6 per Cent.			
To Commissions on 604l. 18s. 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d. at 5	30	4	11
per Cent. in full for my Trouble to this			
Day,			

£. 642 6 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Creditor.

By Cash received of Thomas Rumreill and William	236	15	3
Taggart, Esq's, as per Account,			
By Do. of Henry Ward, Esq; as per Do.	105	16	0

Balance due Robert Stevens,

£. 342 11 3  
299 14 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

£. 642 6 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
N. B.

June, 1784.

N. B. Received of Taggart, £.	209	18	1
Do. of Rumreill, -	26	17	2
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	£.	236	15 3
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Newport, July 3, A. D. 1784.  
Errors excepted,

ROBERT STEVENS.

WE the Committee, appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, to settle the Accounts of Mr. *Robert Stevens*, for the Repairs of the Light-House, &c. in Obedience thereto, have examined his Accounts and Vouchers, and report, that we find a Balance due to the said *Robert Stevens*, of *Two Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money.

FRANCIS MALBONE,  
ARCHIBALD CRARY, } Committee.  
JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE, }

Newport, July 3, A. D. 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Account be allowed: That the Balance due thereon, of *Two Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, with Interest until paid, be paid to the said *Robert Stevens*, by the Intendants of Trade in the several Counties, out of the first Monies which shall come into their Hands.

Report of  
the Com-  
mittee upon  
*H. Ward's*  
Account.

WHEREAS *Francis Malbone*, *Archibald Crary*, and *Joseph Nightingale*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly, a State of the Account of *Henry Ward*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Providence*, and their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*:

Dr. State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account for Light-Money, with  
*Henry Ward*.

1784. {	To Cash paid Messieurs <i>Russell's</i> , by	£.	6	0	0
March. }	Mr. <i>Stevens's</i> Order,				
May. {	To Do. paid Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,		6	18	0
June. }	To Do. paid Do.		8	8	0
	To Do. paid Mr. <i>Barker</i> , by Mr. <i>Stevens's</i>				
	Order,		4	10	0
	To Commissions on £. 147 19 8, the				
	Amount of Light-Money credited in		7	7	11
	the last Account, at 5 per Cent.				
	To Do. on £. 50 11, credited in this				
	Account,		2	10	6

Balance due to the State,

£.	35	14	5
	82	16	3
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£.	118	10	8

Creditor.



Creditor.

1784.	By Balance of an Account this Day	£. 67 19 8
Feb. 28.	settled,	
June 29.	By Light-Money upon 1225 Tons of Shipping (Coalters) at 4d.	20 8 4
	By Do. 904 Tons of Shipping (foreign Voyages) at 8d.	30 2 8
		£. 118 10 8

June 29; A. D. 1784.

Errors excepted,

HENRY WARD.

THE Committee appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, to settle the Accounts of *Henry Ward*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Providence*, for Light-Money, report, that we find due from the said *Henry Ward* to the State, the Sum of *Eighty-two Pounds Sixteen Skillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money.

ARCHIBALD CRARY,  
FRANCIS MALBONE,  
JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE, } Committee.

Newport, July 3, A. D. 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance found due, being *Eighty-two Pounds Sixteen Skillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money, be paid by the said *Henry Ward*, to Mr. *Robert Stevens*, in Part of the Balance of his Account, for repairing the Light-House.

UPON the Account of *William Taggart*, Esq; late Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, for Light-Money, received from the Fourth of February to May the Fifth, A. D. 1784, the following Report was made, *to wit*:

Report of  
the Com-  
mittee upon  
*W. Taggart's*  
Account.

THE Committee appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, to settle the Account of *William Taggart*, Esq; late Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, report, that we have examined the Books, and compared his Account with the Vouchers, and find it right cast; and that the same stands balanced. Which is submitted by

JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE,  
FRANCIS MALBONE,  
ARCHIBALD CRARY, } Committee.

Newport, July 1, A. D. 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced,

THE Account of Mr. *Oliver Pearce*, exhibited unto this Assembly, *O. Pearce* allowed £. 1  
for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in carrying the Procla-  
mation 21. 2d.

mation for the Cessation of Arms to the Counties of *Washington* and *Kent*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Two Shillings and Twopence*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Oliver Pearce*, out of the General-Treasury.

Report of  
the Com-  
mittee upon  
*T. Rumreill's*  
Account.

UPON the Account of *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, for Light-Money, received from *May* the Sixth, to *July* the First, A. D. 1784, the following Report was made, *to wit* :

THE Committee appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, to settle the Account of *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, report, that we have examined the Books and Vouchers, and find the Account right cast; and that the same stands balanced.

JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE,  
ARCHIBALD CRARY,  
FRANCIS MALBONE, } Committee.

*Newport*, *July* 1, A. D. 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

Petition of  
*W. Salton-  
stall*, &c.  
referred.

UPON the Petition of *Wintbrop Saltonstall*, Esq; of *New-London*, in the State of *Connecticut*, in Behalf of himself and Children, and Mrs. *Mary Coddington*, Mr. *Thomas Wickham*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and others, Children and Heirs of *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; late of *Newport*, deceased, formerly Governor of this State, presented unto this Assembly, praying, that a certain Dwelling-House, Stable, and Lot of Land, whereon the same stands, in said *Newport*, which hath been confiscated to and for the Use of this State, as the Property of Mr. *William Wanton*, through Misapprehension, which in Fact was the Property of the said *Joseph Wanton*, might be restored to them, they never having forfeited the same, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ezek Hopkins*, *William Canning*, and *James M. Varnum*, Esquires, and Mr. *Peleg Clarke*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Matters set forth in the said Petition; and that they make report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*B. Wheeler*  
allowed £. 2  
11s. 6d.

THE Account of Mr. *Bennett Wheeler*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for printing Acts of the General Assembly and Advertisements, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Bennett Wheeler*, out of the General-Treasury.

Report of  
the Com-  
mittee upon  
*S. Sanford's*  
Account.

WHEREAS *Ezek Hopkins*, *Benjamin Bourne*, and *Thomas Rumreill*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly, a State of the Account of Mr. *Samuel Sanford*; late an Ensign in the Continental Army, and their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit* :

Dr.

Dr. The United States of *America*, with *Samuel Sanford*.

To my Wages, as an Ensign, in the Continental Army, in Colonel <i>Moses Hazen's</i> Regiment, from January 1st, A. D. 1777, until April 20th, A. D. 1780, is 39 Months and 20 Days, at £.6 per Month.	}	£. 238	0	0
To Cash paid towards Cloathing received at sundry Times,				
		2	2	2½
		£. 240 2 2½		

Creditor.

By Cash and Cloathing received at sundry Times, per Account,	}	£. 72	12	0
Balance due <i>Samuel Sanford</i> ,				
		167	10	2½
		£. 240 2 2½		

Errors excepted,

SAMUEL SANFORD.

WE the Subscribers, pursuant to our Appointment, beg Leave to report, That we have examined the Depreciation-Account of Mr. *Samuel Sanford*; and from the Statement thereof, herewith presented (which is made on the same Principles as the Accounts of the other Officers of this State) and that there is a Balance due thereon, of *One Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Twopence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, exclusive of any Interest.

ESEK HOPKINS,  
BENJAMIN BOURNE,  
THOMAS RUMREILL, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted: That one-fourth Part of the said Balance, amounting to *Forty-one Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Samuel Sanford*, out of the General-Treasury; and that the remaining three-fourth Parts, amounting to *One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds Twelve Shillings and One Penny*, be paid to the said *Samuel Sanford*, by the General-Treasurer's giving his Note therefor, with Interest, from the First Day of *August*, A. D. 1780, payable in Three Years, with Interest from the Date.

THE Account of Mr. *Thomas Tew*, Keeper of the Gaol, in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for Boarding divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the Governor and Company, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds One Shilling*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Andrew Spooner*, of *Boston*, in the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, as an Attorney for, and in Behalf of Miss *Louisa Oliver*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the said *Louisa Oliver*, while an Infant, and under Guardianship, was

*Louisa Oliver's Estate restored.*

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by her Guardian carried from *Boston* to *Great-Britain*, during the late War: That a small patrimonial Estate, being one-eighth Part of the *Aquacut* Estate, which is all the Inheritance she derived from her Father, has, during her Absence, been sequestered by this State: That a Process was instituted for its Confiscation, but on Proofs of her Infancy, the Confiscation never took place; and that the said *Louisa Oliver* hath done nothing to incur the Forfeiture of said Estate: And thereupon the said *Andrew Spooner* prayed that the same may be restored to her, with the Rents and Profits: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Estate be, and the same is hereby restored to the said *Louisa Oliver*, in as full and ample Manner as though it had not been taken into Possession by the State: That the Lease thereof, for the present Year, be assigned to the said *Louisa Oliver*; and that she be empowered to receive the Rents thereof.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, Esq; and *Mr. Paul Allen* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Amount of one-eighth Part of the Rents of said Estate, which this State hath received; and that they report thereon to this Assembly at the next Session.

Justices appointed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Howland*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed, a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *East-Greenwich*; *Benjamin Fisk*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Portsmouth*; and *Caleb Hill*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *North-Kingstown*.

*D. Howell*  
allowed  
£. 148 16s.

WHEREAS *David Howell*, Esq; one of the Delegates in Congress, presented unto this Assembly the following Account, *to wit*:

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *David Howell*.

1784. To my Services and Expences, as a Dele-	
gate to Congress, from the 7th Day of	
July, A. D. 1783, to the 19th Day of	£. 418 16 0
June, A. D. 1784, 349 Days, at 4 Dol-	
lars per Day, is 1396 Dollars,	

Creditor.

1783. } By an Order on the General-Treasurer for	
June. } 200 Dollars,	£. 60 0 0
October. By an Order for 400 Dollars,	120 0 0
1784. } By Ditto for 300 Dollars,	90 0 0
Feb. }	
	£. 270 0 0
Balance due <i>David Howell</i> ,	148 16 0
	£. 418 16 0

UPON which the following Report was made, *to wit*: Examined the above Account, and find the Charges right cast; and that there is a Balance due to *David Howell*, Esq; of *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money.

Per *JOHN HANDY*, Auditor.

*Newport*, July 3, A. D. 1784.

AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance found due, amounting to *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to the said *David Howell*, out of the first Monies which shall come into the General-Treasury, with Interest on the said Balance until the same shall be paid.

WHEREAS *William Ellery*, Esq; one of the Delegates in Congress, presented unto this Assembly the following Account, *to wit*:

*W. Ellery* allowed £.184 16s.

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *William Ellery*.

1784. To my Services and Expences, as a Delegate to Congress, from the 5th Day of June, A. D. 1783, to the 16th Day of June, A. D. 1784 (inclusive) 379 Days, at 4 Dollars per Day, is 1516 Dollars,	} £.454 16 0
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Creditor.

1783. By an Order on the General-Treasurer for 200 Dollars,	} £. 60 0 0
October. By Do. Do. for 400 Dollars,	- 120 0 0
1784. } By Do. Do. for 300 Dollars,	- 90 0 0
Feb. }	£. 270 0 0
Balance due <i>William Ellery</i> ,	184 16 0
	£. 454 16 0

UPON which the following Report was made, *to wit*: Examined the above Account, and find the Charges right cast; and that there is a Balance due to *William Ellery*, Esq; of *One Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money.

JOHN HANDY, Auditor.

Newport, July 3, A. D. 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance found due, amounting to *One Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to the said *William Ellery*, out of the first Monies which shall come into the General-Treasury, with Interest on the said Balance until the same shall be paid.

THE Account of Mr. *Samuel Anthony*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Time, Horse-Hire, and Expences, in going to allowed £. 2 *Warwick*, in May, A. D. 1782, by Order of this Assembly, to *fetch the Proxies* of the said Town, amounting to *Three Pounds*, Lawful Money, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Samuel Anthony*, out of the General-Treasury, in full of said Account.

An

An ACT in Amendment to an Act, passed at June Session, A. D. 1783, empowering the Intendants of Trade, in this State, to collect Monies for the Support of the Lights in the Light-House at *Beaver-Tail*.

Act for collecting Light-Money.

WHEREAS in the said Act the Intendants of Trade are directed and empowered, to receive from the Masters of all Ships and Vessels that shall clear out at their respective Offices, who are bound to any Port without the United States of *America*, the Sum of *Eightpence*, Lawful Money, per Ton, for every Ton, according to the Register of said Vessel (excepting fishing Vessels, wood Sloops, and Vessels employed in bringing of Stones and Sand) without empowering the said Intendants to collect Monies from Ships or Vessels which anchor within the Bays or Harbours of this State, or which pass the same to *Taunton* or *Swansey* Rivers: And as it is highly proper that all Masters of Ships or Vessels which are benefited by the said Light-House, should contribute to the Support of the same:

WHEREFORE, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted*, That the Intendants of Trade within this State be, and they are hereby directed and empowered, to receive from the Masters of all Ships and Vessels that shall put into the Harbours or Bays of this State, and shall anchor therein, or shall pass to *Taunton* or *Swansey* Rivers, the same Duties for Light-Money as though they had cleared from any of the Intendants Offices of this State.

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Ships or Vessels passing or re-passing to and from *Taunton* or *Swansey* (excepting fishing Vessels, wood Sloops, and Vessels employed in carrying of Stones or Sand) shall be liable to pay the same Duties as Vessels anchoring within the Bays and Harbours of this State.

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That every Master of a Ship or Vessel passing, through the Bays or Rivers of this State, to the Harbours and Rivers of the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, shall pay the same Duties into the Intendant's Office; and thereupon the Intendant of Trade shall give unto such Master of a Ship or Vessel a Certificate, specifying that the Light-Money due from such Ship or Vessel hath been regularly paid into said Intendant's Office; and such Ship or Vessel shall and may freely pass the Rivers and Bays of this State, upon her outward-bound Passage.

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Master or Owner of such Ship or Vessel, shall neglect to pay the Duties as aforesaid, and take such Certificate, such Ship or Vessel shall be liable, upon her being within the Jurisdiction of this State, to pay the Duties for each and every Time said Ship or Vessel shall have passed the Rivers and Bays of this State. And the Intendant is directed to collect the same accordingly.

AND

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid; That the Owners and Masters of all such Ships or Vessels as aforesaid, that pass, and neglect or refuse to pay the said Duties, shall be liable to pay the same, by an Action at Common Law, at the Suit of the General-Treasurer, at any Inferior Court of Common Pleas, or before any one Justice of the Peace in this State, to be commenced and prosecuted to final Judgment and Execution, by the Attorney-General, upon Information being given by either of the Intendants of Trade within this State.



WHEREAS John I. Clark and John Jenckes, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

M. Levy and  
J. Isaacks al-  
lowed £.490  
6s. 2d. ½.

THE Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, to examine into the Property of the Oil that was taken from Warren, in the Year 1778, and sold at Vendue, in Providence, by Order of the General Assembly, and the Amount of what Money was paid into the General-Treasury for the same, beg Leave to report, that they have examined into the Affair, and are of Opinion, that the Property of the Oil belonged to Mr. Jacob Isaacks and Mr. Moses Levy, both of Newport; and that the Oil was sold on the Thirteenth Day of October, A. D. 1778, by William Rhodes, Esq; who acted as Vendue-Master, the nett Proceeds of which, deducting only the Vendue Fees, was Twenty-one Hundred and Eighty-five Pounds Seven Shillings and Fourpence Three Farthings, Continental Money, which Sum was paid into the General-Treasury by John Jenckes, the Seventeenth Day of November, A. D. 1778, who was one of the Persons ordered to sell it by the General Assembly. The Charges of Cooperage and Storage at Warren, the Freight to Providence, the Cooperage and Storage there, we are informed, have been paid by the Council of War, which Sums are not deducted out of the above Sum, with the Commissions for the Sale of the Oil. All which is submitted, by

JOHN I. CLARK, }  
JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.

August, 14, A. D. 1782.

Charges paid by the State on the abovementioned Oil, that belonged to Messieurs Isaacks and Levy, to wit:

1778. } To Cash paid Richard Smith, for trimming }	£. 19	11	3
June 17. } Oil at Warren, by the Council of War, }			
July 16. } Do. for transporting Do. to Providence, &c. }	31	2	6
Sept. 23. } Do. paid Jenkins and Field, for Coopering }	24	6	0
Dec. 2. } Do. at Providence, }			
Do. paid Christopher Sheldon, for Storage }	25	12	0
of Do. }			
Commissions for selling Do. at Two and }	54	15	0
an Half per Cent. }			

£.155 6 9

Providence, February 25, A. D. 1783.

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£.2186

June, 1784.

£. 2185 7 4  
 155 6 9 Charges paid by the State.

£. 2030 0 7 Continental Money, remains due to Messieurs  
*Isaacks and Levy.*

JOHN I. CLARK, }  
 JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.

UPON which the Auditor also made the following Reports, *to wit* :  
 Reduced the above Sum to real Money by this State's Scale of De-  
 preciation, and find the same to be *Three Hundred and Forty-four*  
*Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One Farthing, Silver Money.*

Per JOHN HANDY, Auditor.

Providence, February 25, A. D. 1783.

AGREEABLE to the Direction of the Honorable the General As-  
 sembly, I have added the Sum of *Fifty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings*  
 (which was charged twice, through Mistake, to the Owners of the  
 said Oil) to the Sum reported to be due to Messieurs *Isaacks and Levy*,  
 and reduced the same by this State's Scale of Depreciation to real  
 Money, and cast the compound Interest thereon, and find the  
 Amount to be *Four Hundred and Ninety Pounds Six Shillings and*  
*Twopence Halfpenny, Silver Money.*

£. 490 6 2½

Per JOHN HANDY, Auditor.

July 3, A. D. 1784.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*,  
 That the said Report of the Committee, and the second Report of  
 the Auditor, be, and hereby are accepted : That the Amount found  
 due by the Auditor, of *Four Hundred and Ninety Pounds Six Shillings*  
*and Twopence Halfpenny, Lawful Money*, be allowed and paid the  
 said *Jacob Isaacks and Moses Levy*, out of the General-Treasury.



## An ACT enlarging the Jurisdiction of Justices Courts, to try Causes not exceeding *Six Pounds*.

AN enlarg-  
 ing the Ju-  
 risdiction of  
 Justices

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof  
*it is Enacted*, That all Manner of Actions or Pleas of the Case,  
 Account, Debt, Detinue, Covenant and Trespass (where the Title  
 of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments is not in Dispute) and where  
 the Debt, Demand, or Damage, amounts to no more than *Six*  
*Pounds, Silver Money*, or an Equivalent in any other Money, may  
 be heard, tried and determined by One or more Justices of the Peace,  
 or Wardens, of the Town or City where the Action shall be brought,  
 who shall enter up Judgment, and award Execution thereon.

*B E it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Exe-  
 cution obtained upon any Judgment as aforesaid, shall be taken out  
 in



in less than Ten Days after Judgment shall be given ; and all such Executions shall be returnable to the Justice or Warden who granted the same in Three Months after the same shall be taken out.

*BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Proceedings, in the Trial of Actions not exceeding Six Pounds as aforesaid, the same Rules shall be observed as by Law as heretofore established in the Trial of Cases in Justices Courts not exceeding Forty Shillings. saving and reserving to any Party the Right of prosecuting for any Debt, Duty, or Demand, exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings, before the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, in the same Manner as hath heretofore by Law been allowed.*



WHEREAS *Nathan Miller, Esq;* of *Warren*, preferred a Petition, *N. Miller al-* and represented unto this Assembly, That he purchased the *Mount-* *Hope Farm*, so called, of the Officers and Soldiers of Colonels *Greene* and *Sherburne's* Regiments, which was set off to them by this State, for the Payment of the Depreciation of their Wages, for Three Hundred and Eighty-five Acres, and One Hundred and Eleven Rods ; which Farm he hath since sold to *William Bradford, Esq;* who being dissatisfied with the former Survey, hath had the same resurveyed by *Caleb Harris, Esq;* who finds the same to contain only Three Hundred and Sixty-eight Acres and Forty Rods ; and that he hath received Pay for that Quantity and no more, whereby he must lose the Purchase-Money of Seventeen Acres and Seventy-one Rods ; which amount to *One Hundred and Three Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money, unless relieved by this Assembly : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to order that Sum to be paid him out of the General-Treasury. *lowed £.103 10s.*

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is granted ; and that the Sum of *One Hundred and Three Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Nathan Miller*, out of the General-Treasury.

UPON the Account of *Mr. John Carter*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for Printing Acts of Assembly, Treasurer's Certificates, Advertisements, &c. the following Report was made, *to wit :* *J. Carter al-* *lowed £.31 4s. 5d.*

IN Obedience to our Appointment by the Honorable the General Assembly, to examine the above Account, we do report, that we have carefully examined the same ; and that, in our Opinion, the Sum of *Thirty-one Pounds Four Shillings and Fivepence*, being the Amount thereof, be allowed. Which is submitted, by

PAUL ALLEN, }  
HENRY MARCHANT, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Thirty-one Pounds Four Shillings and Fivepence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Carter*, out of the General-Treasury.

UPON

*H. Barber* al-  
lowed £. 9  
18s. UPON the Account of Mr. *Henry Barber*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for Printing Acts of Assembly, Proclamations, and Advertisements, the following Report was made, *to wit*:

AGREEABLE to our Appointment by the Honorable the General Assembly, to examine the above Account, we do report, that, in our Opinion, the Sum of *Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be allowed. Which is submitted, by

HENRY MARCHANT, } Committee.  
PAUL ALLEN, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Henry Barber*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Corey* al-  
lowed £. 5  
12s. 3d. THE Account of Mr. *Thomas Corey*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for repairing the Buildings on the *Aquacut* Farm, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds Twelve Shillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Corey*, by discounting the same out of the Rents now due from him to the State.

Lot of Land  
whereon the  
House late  
*S. Clarke's*  
stands, to be  
sold. WHEREAS the Committee appointed to ascertain the Value of the Fee Simple of the Lot of Land, lying in *Newport*, heretofore leased to *Shearman Clarke* by *Thomas Bannister*, for the Term of Ninety-nine Years, and which hath been confiscated to and for the Use of this State, have reported, that the Fee Simple thereof, in their Opinion, is worth the Sum of *Five Hundred Dollars*: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the Payment of the said Sum into the General-Treasury, by Mrs. *Catharine Clarke*, the Widow of the said *Shearman Clarke*, or the Purchaser of the Houses standing on the same, that the General-Treasurer make and execute to the said *Catharine Clarke*, or such Purchaser, a Deed, conveying the said Fee Simple thereof: That the said Premises be sold, agreeable to the Order of the Superior Court for that Purpose, under the Direction of the Judge of Probate for the said City of *Newport*, as soon as may be; and that the Money arising from the Sale thereof, after deducting the said Sum of *Five Hundred Dollars*, be applied to the discharging of the Debts due from the Estate of the said *Shearman Clarke*, deceased.

Committee  
to enquire  
into the  
Rents of *J.  
Cbace's* Es-  
tate. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jenckes*, Esq; and Mr. *Paul Allen*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Rents which this State hath received for the Estate of the late Mr. *James Chace*, while the same was sequestered; and that they report thereon to this Assembly, at the next Session.



# An ACT for enlarging the Limits of the Gaol, in the County of *Washington*.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof A& enlarg-  
ing the Gaol  
Bounds,  
Washington. That the Limits of the Gaol, in the County of *Washington*, be, and they are hereby extended from the Gaol-House Eastward, as far as the westerly End of the Court-House; and thence, in a southerly Line, across the High-Way, one Rod to the Eastward of the Meeting-House, so as to include the whole High-Way between said easterly Line and the western Limits of said Gaol, as the Wall and Fences now stand.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Sheriff of the said County, *Rouse J. Helme*, and *Sylvester Robinson*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to mark the said Limits, according to this Act; and that they make a Plat thereof, and lodge the same in the Clerk's Office of the Inferior Court for the said County.



THE Account of Mr. *John Lawton*, exhibited unto this Assembly, *J. Lawton* for the Use of his House, &c. for the Committee who apportioned allowed £. 1 the Tax, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound One Shilling*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Lawton*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Hazard*, *Jonathan Comstock*, Committee to lay out the Point-Judith Farm. *Robert Stanton*, Esquires, and Mr. *Rowland Brown*, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to lay out the *Point-Judith Farm*, so called, into such a Number of Farms and Lots as may enable the State to sell the same to the best Advantage of the State, and the Purchasers: That they make a regular Survey thereof, and report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Slack*, *Jeremiah Angell*, Justices *Peleg Fisk*, *John Harris*, *Asabel Harris*, and *Thomas Mowry*, Esquires, Scituate. be, and they are hereby appointed, Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Scituate*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Rufus Spencer*, Esq; be, and he Justices In- is hereby appointed, the Second Justice of the Inferior Court of ferior Court Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the Kent. County of *Kent*, in the Room of *Charles Holden*, Esq; who declines serving; and that *Thomas Rice*, Esq; of *Warwick*, be, and he is hereby appointed, the Third Justice of the said Court.

WHEREAS *Ezek Hopkins* and *Rouse J. Helme*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly, the following Report, *to wit*: Report of the  
Committee  
upon J. Ker-  
ber's Peti-  
tion.

WE the Subscribers have examined the subject Matter of the Petition of Mr. *John Kerber*, and find that the Facts set forth therein  
I are

are true : That the said *John Kerber* hath Certificates from Colonel *Epbraim Bowen*, Deputy Quarter-Master-General, that there is due to him from the United States, *Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven Dollars and Fifty-one Seventy Seconds of a Dollar*, Continental Money, due in *August* and *September*, 1780, which is equal to *One Hundred and Fifty-four Silver Dollars*, no Interest being allowed ; and that if the General Assembly pay any Certificates due from the United States, the said *John Kerber* deserves to be paid, as he is in a disagreeable Situation, without any Shop to work in.

ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.  
ROUSE J. HELME, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be again referred to a Committee, consisting of *George Hazard*, *Henry Marchant*, and *John Topham*, Esquires, and Messieurs *George Champlin*, *Peleg Clarke*, and *Daniel Mason* ; who are hereby appointed to examine and enquire for some small Tenement, belonging to the State, which will accommodate the said *John Kerber* as a Shop, and be of the Value of the said Sum due to him, and report thereon to this Assembly at the next Session.



## An ACT for granting and apportioning a Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, in Silver or Gold, upon the Inhabitants of this State.

Apportion-  
ment of the  
Tax.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted; That a Tax for raising the Sum, of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, payable in Silver or Gold, be granted and assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this State, on or before the Sixteenth Day of *August* next : And that the said Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* be collected, and paid into the General-Treasury of this State, on or before the First Day of *January* next.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Poll-Tax be *Ten Shillings*, being *Sixpence* upon every *Thousand Pounds* : And that all male Persons of *Twenty-one Years* of Age and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Tax shall be, and the same is hereby assessed unto and upon the several Towns, in the following Proportions, to wit :

<i>Newport</i> shall pay,	£. 1029 7 1
<i>Portsmouth</i> ,	617 12 0
<i>Jamestown</i> ,	289 10 0
<i>Middletown</i> ,	340 19 4
<i>Tiverton</i> ,	707 13 4
<i>Little-Compton</i> ,	574 17 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>New-Shoreham</i> ,	193 0 0
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	£. 3752 19 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<i>Providence</i> ,

Providence,	£. 1544	0	7½		
Smithfield,	1286	13	4		
Scituate,	688	7	4		
Gloucester,	1003	12	0		
Cumberland,	584	13	0		
Cranston,	793	10	2		
Johnston,	413	0	4		
North-Providence,	289	10	0		
Foster,	463	4	0		
				£. 7066	10 9½
Westerly,	624	0	8		
North-Kingstown,	956	6	3		
South-Kingstown,	1764	13	4		
Charlestown,	523	0	6		
Richmond,	452	12	9		
Hopkinton,	585	8	8		
Exeter,	656	3	10		
				5562	6 0
Bristol,	419	13	11		
Warren,	250	18	0		
Barrington,	197	12	8		
				868	4 7
Warwick,	1126	9	6		
East-Greenwich,	511	15	8		
West-Greenwich,	468	7	2		
Coventry,	643	6	8		
				2749	19 0
				£. 20,000	0 0

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum in which they shall be deficient, until the same be paid : That each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer: That the Collectors of Taxes, in the several Towns, be, and they are hereby empowered and directed, to collect the Interest with the Principal from the delinquent Individuals, after the aforesaid Time : And that, in Case any Execution shall be issued from the General-Treasurer against the Treasurers of any delinquent Towns, the Collectors be, and hereby are empowered and directed, to collect from the individual Delinquents all the Costs and Expences which shall accrue thereon, in Proportion to the Sums due from such Delinquents respectively.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of August next ; who is hereby directed and required to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer : And that the General-Treasurer be, and hereby is directed and required, to issue his Warrant, within Four Days

Days, to the several Town-Treasurers, to be by them delivered to the several Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax.*

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of the said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town, for its Proportion or Deficiency of the said Tax, which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.*

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond and Security that shall be by him taken from the Collectors of the said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court in the County where such Bond and Security shall be so taken; which Special Court shall be convened in the usual Manner have the same Power as Special Courts have heretofore to had in this State, and take the same Fees. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.*

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be, and they are hereby required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurers and Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they shall send a Copy of the Rate-List.*

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors of Taxes be, and they are hereby empowered, to consider the Circumstances of the Poor, in their respective Towns, and exempt such from the Poll-Tax, as they shall think unable to pay the same.*

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Towns be empowered to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors for assessing and collecting the said Tax.*

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Sum of Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds Six Shillings and Fourpence, Part of the said Tax, being equivalent to Forty Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-one Dollars and Five Hundred Parts of a Dollar, be appropriated to the Payment of this State's Proportion of the Requisition of the Most Honorable the Congress of the United States, of the Twenty-seventh of April last: Three-fourth Parts thereof to be collected and paid in Silver or Gold, and the remaining*

remaining Fourth-Part in Certificates, for Interest upon Loan-Office Certificates, to be issued by the Loan-Officer for this State, and Certificates for Interest upon other liquidated Debts of the United States, contracted within this State, agreeable to the Resolve of Congress of the Twenty-eighth of April last.

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That there be so much of the said Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* appropriated for the calling in and sinking the Lawful Money Bills, emitted by this State in June 1780, and funded upon real Estate, as may be necessary for sinking the same: That the said Bills be taken and received by the Collectors of the said Tax, in Payment thereof, agreeable to the Face of the said Bills; and that the remaining Part of the said Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* be appropriated to and for the contingent Charges of this State, and for such Uses as the General Assembly shall or may hereafter direct.

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Ratemakers of his Town. And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.



*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Act heretofore passed, exempting the Debts and Monies due from Persons in *Great-Britain* to the Inhabitants of this (then Colony now) State from Taxation be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that the Debts and Monies due from Persons in *Great-Britain*, or any other Part of the World, be and the same are hereby declared to be liable to be taxed in the same Manner as other Debts and Monies are subject to Taxation. Foreign Debts to be taxed.

THE ACCOUNT of Mr. *John Lawton*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for the Use of his House, &c. for the Committee who drafted the Tax-Bill, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Amount thereof, being *Four Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Lawton*, out of the General-Treasury. J. Lawton allowed 4s. 10d.

THE ACCOUNT of Mr. *Daniel Branch*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance upon the Committee who settled the Accounts of the Nine Months Men, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of *One Pound Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel Branch*, in full for the said Account. D. Branch allowed £. 1 12s.

THE ACCOUNT of Mr. *Thomas Melvill*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c. being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Melvill*, out of the General-Treasury. T. Melvill allowed £. 2 8s.

THE ACCOUNT of Mr. *Latham Clarke*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session, as a Waiter, being duly considered, L. Clarke allowed £. 1 16s.

considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Latbam Clarke*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Handy* allowed £. 3. THE Account of *John Handy*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services, at the present Session, as Auditor, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Handy*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Bourne* allowed £. 4. THE Account of *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services, at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower-Houfe, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Benjamin Bourne*, out of the General-Treasury.

*D. Dunham*, jun. allowed £. 1 16s. THE Account of Mr. *Daniel Dunham*, Junior, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance, at the present Session, as a Waiter, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel Dunham*, out of the General-Treasury.

Executions, where Petitions are pending, stayed. WHEREAS Time will not permit the Petitions pending before this Assembly, praying that Executions may be stayed, to be heard :

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That in all such Cases the Executions be stayed; until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session.

Choice of Officers postponed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Officers who have not been re-appointed, and in whose Places others have not been chosen, be, and they are hereby continued in their respective Offices, until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time heretofore had.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary cause the Acts and Orders now made and passed, to be published by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send printed Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in the State, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties ; And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned until the Fourth Monday in *August* next, then to convene at *South-Kingstown*.

GOD save the United States of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS,

*Henry Ward Searcy*

PROVIDENCE: PRINTED BY BENNETT WHEELER.







At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Fourth *Monday* in *August*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four, and in the Ninth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

*Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS WELLS, Esq; '	}	Assistants.
RICHARD SEARLE, Esq;		
WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;		
GIDEON CLARKE, Esq;		
THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;		

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq;*  
 Henry Marchant, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* George Champlin,  
 John Topham, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Daniel Mafon.

## PROVIDENCE :

Joseph Nightingale, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Paul Allen,  
 John Jenckes, *Esq;*

## PORTSMOUTH :

*Mr.* Joseph Cundall,  
*Mr.* William Anthony, *jun.*  
*Mr.* Burrington Anthony,  
*Mr.* Holder Chace.

## WARWICK :

John Warner, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Thomas Remington,  
 Benjamin Arnold, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* David Wightman.

## WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Walter White.

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

*Mr.* William Littlefield.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

*Mr.* John Allen.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowfe J. Helme, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Rowland Brown.

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Crary, *Esq;*  
 Benjamin Tillinghaft, *Esq;*

## JAMESTOWN :

*Mr.* John Weeden.

## SMITHFIELD :

Stephen Arnold, *Esq;*

## SCITUATE :

Rufus Hopkins, *Esq;*  
 William West, *Esq;*

## GLOUCESTER :

*Mr.* Stephen Steere

## CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun.* *Esq;*  
 Samuel Crofs, *Esq;*

## WEST-GREENWICH :

Jonathan Comstock, *Esq;*  
 Samuel Hopkins, *Esq;*

## COVENTRY :

*Mr.* Jeremiah Fenner,  
 John Rice, *Esq;*

## EXETER :

Job Wilcox, *Esq;*  
 Pardon Tillinghaft, *Esq;*

## MIDDLETOWN :

*Mr.* Benjamin Gardner.

## BRISTOL :

The Speaker.

## TIVERTON :

Lemuel Bailey, *Esq;*

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

*Mr.* Daniel Wilbourn.

## WARREN .

Nathan Miller, *Esq;*

## CUMBERLAND :

Nathaniel Shepardon, *Esq;*

## RICHMOND :

Robert Stanton, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Thomas James.

## CRANSTON :

*Mr.* Matthew Manchester,  
*Mr.* William Field.

## HOPKINTON :

*Mr.* Oliver Davis,  
*Mr.* John Brown.

## JOHNSTON :

Emor Olney, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Edward Manton.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Esek Hopkins, *Esq;*  
 Hope Angell, *Esq;*

## BARRINGTON :

None.

## FOSTER :

None.

BENJAMIN BOURNE, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

**I**T is Voted and Resolved, That George Hazard, and Rouse J. Helme, Esquires, and Mr. George Champlin, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive and examine a Bill of Exchange for *Eighty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence*, dated *March* the 29th, A. D. 1765, drawn by *Joseph Clarke, Esq;* as General-Treasurer of this State, in Favour of *Thomas Freebody, Daniel Ayrault, and Stephen Ayrault*; which Bill of Exchange it is said hath not been paid; and enquire into the Circumstances attending the same; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee upon S. Ayrault's Bill of Exchange.

THE Account of *Daniel Cooke, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly. *D. Cooke* allowed *£ 8* for his Services in bringing forward the Records in the Secretary's Office, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Balance due thereon, being *Eight Pounds Two Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel Cooke* out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Rice, Esq;* be allowed and paid the Sum of *Eleven Shillings and Ninepence One Farthing*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, in full of a Grant made him at *March* Session, 1781, for *One Pound Three Shillings and Sixpence One Farthing*, Lawful Money, of the new Emission, now cancelled.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes, Esq;* and Mr. *Paul Allen*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report upon J. Chace's Farm, and Z. Chace allowed *£ 62 11 s. 7 1/2*, and W. Bradford allowed *£ 1 14 s. 9 d.*

THE Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to enquire into the Rents which this State received for the Estate of the late *James Chace*, which was sequeſtered, do report, that the State received of *Thomas Church, Esq;* *Forty-five Pounds*, Lawful Money, in State Securities, for the Rents of the said Estate, for the Year 1779; and that the General-Treasurer received, on *April* the 1st, A. D. 1780, *Four Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Ten Shillings*, which is equal to *Eleven Pounds Five Shillings and Ninepence*, in Specie; and the Bill of Cost upon the Suit commenced by the General-Treasurer against the said *Thomas Church*, amounting to *One Pound Fourteen Shillings and Ninepence*, is due to *William Bradford, Esq;* the same not having been paid by the said *Thomas Church*. All which is submitted by your most humble Servants,

JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.  
PAUL ALLEN, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the Sum of *Sixty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny*, being the Amount of what this State has received for the Rent of said Estate, with the Interest since the same has been paid, be allowed: That the same be paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Zaccheus Chace*, the Executor to the said *James Chace*, deceased; and that the said Sum of *One Pound Fourteen Shillings and Ninepence* be allowed and paid to the said *William Bradford*, out of the General-Treasury, for the said Bill of Cost.

IT

Aft authorizing the United States to recover Debts, to be forwarded to at their next Sitting. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to cause a Copy of the Aft of this Assembly, authorizing the United States to prosecute Aftions for the Recovery of Debts due to the United States, to be forwarded to Congress.

*E. Reynolds, jun. allowed £ 15.* THE Petition of *Elisba Reynolds, jun. of Exeter*, a wounded Soldier, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that an Allowance might be made for his Misfortune, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Elisba Reynolds, jun.* out of the General-Treasury, in full Compensation for his Sufferings and Wound.

*P. Bowen allowed £ 1 15.* THE Account of *Dr. Pardon Bowen*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for Medicine and Attendance upon *James Janes*, a sick Prisoner in the Gaol at *Providence*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Fifteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Pardon Bowen* out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Smith protected from Arrest.* WHEREAS there is a considerable Sum of Money due to this State from *Royzel Smith*, who has absconded; and it is represented to this Assembly, that the said *Royzel Smith* will be able to discharge the same, provided he may have Liberty to attend the next General Assembly, and not be subject to be taken by any Process in the common Law: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Royzel Smith* be and he is hereby permitted to attend this General Assembly, at the Session in *October* next; and that he be protected from all Suits for the Space of One Week before the Sitting, and One Week after the Rising, of the said General Assembly.

*B. Wheeler allowed £ 1 11 s. 6 d.* THE Account of *Mr. Bennett Wheeler*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for inserting a long Resolution of Congress in the News-Paper, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Eleven Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Bennett Wheeler* out of the General-Treasury.

Weight of a Rope of Onions fixed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That every Bunch or Rope of Onions, which shall be offered for Sale in this State, shall weigh at least Four Pounds: That every Bunch or Rope of Onions, which shall be made and offered or exposed for Sale in this State, weighing less than Four Pounds, shall be forfeited, or the Value thereof, One Half to and for the Use of the Town wherein the same shall be offered for Sale, and the other Half to him who shall inform respecting the same: That said Forfeitures be recovered by Bill or Information, before any one or more Justices of the Peace, in the County where the said Onions shall be offered for Sale; and that this Aft shall take Place, and be in Force, from and after the First Day of *May* next.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Carder Hazard, Esq;* Chairman of a Class in *South-Kingstown*, be and he is hereby requested to pay into the

the General-Treasury the Sum of *Eleven Pounds Nineteen Shillings and One Penny*, Lawful Money, being the Sum he has reported to have received of *Jeremiah Niles*, Esq; *Mr. Joseph Dennison*, and *Mr. James Barber*, for their Proportion assigned them for raising the Nine Months Men. C. Hazard to pay into the General-Treasury £11 19s. 1d.

THE Petition of *Mr. Stukely Hudson*, of *West-Greenwich*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that he may have a Licence granted him to keep a Tavern, as he formerly hath done, which has been denied him by the Town-Council of the said Town, being duly considered, together with the Recommendation of divers respectable Persons, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Stukely Hudson* be and he is hereby licenced to keep a Tavern in the said Town of *West-Greenwich* for One Year, on his giving Bond to the Town-Treasurer of the said Town, as the Law directs. Petition of *S. Hudson* granted.

WHEREAS the Classes who have been delinquent in furnishing Recruits for the Nine Months Service have neglected to pay the Sum of *One Hundred Dollars*, ordered to be assessed upon them respectively by the Act of this Assembly: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committees of the Towns to which such delinquent Classes belong, and who classed the same, be and they are hereby directed, on or before the Twentieth Day of *September* next, to certify to the Sheriff of the County in which the said Classes belong the Sums assessed upon and due from each Individual of the said delinquent Classes; and that the Sheriff, to whom the same shall be certified, be and he is hereby directed, within Sixty Days after the Receipt of such Certificate, to collect from the said Individuals the Sums which shall be respectively due from them as aforesaid, and to pay the same into the General-Treasury. Delinquents who did not raise Nine Months Men to be prosecuted.

AND it is further *Voted Resolved*, That the said Committees, upon the Penalty prescribed in the said Act, shall, on or before the Twentieth Day of *September* next, make Return to the General-Treasurer of the Sums due as aforesaid, and certify the Name of the Sheriff, and the Time when the same Certificate was delivered to him: That if such Sheriff shall neglect to pay the Sums of Money ordered to be collected by him as aforesaid, or shall not make Return to the General-Treasurer of his Doings on the said Certificates at the Expiration of the said Sixty Days, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Warrant against such delinquent Sheriff, directed to either of the Town-Serjeants in the County in which such Sheriff belongs, for the Money certified to be due as aforesaid; and that the same Warrant be returned in Twenty Days from the Date thereof.

IT is *Voted and Resolved*, That the following Officers be appointed to command the Militia Companies in the Town of *Scituate*, to wit: Officers appointed.

FIRST Company. *John Potter*, Captain; *Zebedee Snow*, Lieutenant; and *Oliver Leach*, Ensign.

SECOND Company. *Coman Smith*, Captain; *Caleb Westcott*, Lieutenant; and *Stephen Randall*, Ensign.

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THIRD

THIRD Company. *Benjamin Wood*, Captain ; *Gideon Austin*, jun. Lieutenant ; and *Thomas Weaver*, Ensign.

W. Hammond allowed £ 4 11. 7d. UPON a Bill of Cost exhibited to this Assembly, by *William Hammond*, Esq; for *Jeffery Allen*'s assaulting *Benjamin Browning*, amounting to *Five Pounds and Eightpence*, the following Report was made, to wit :

OUR Opinion is, that *Four Pounds One Shilling and Sevenpence*, Lawful Money, ought to be allowed.

G. H. PECKHAM, } Committee.  
PAUL ALLEN, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Four Pounds One Shilling and Sevenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Hammond* out of the General-Treasury, for the Use of himself and the other Persons to whom the same is due.

7. *Lawton's*  
Petition  
granted.

THE Petition of Mr. *John Lawton*, of *Newport*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that he may have a small Lot of Land set off to him in said *Newport*, late the Property of *Thomas Bannister*, which hath been confiscated to and for the Use of this State, in order to discharge a Debt, amounting to *Ninety-four Dollars and One Quarter*, due in the Year 1776 from the said *Thomas Bannister* to his Father Mr. *John Lawton*, late of *Newport*, deceased, to whose last Will and Testament he the said *John Lawton* is Executor, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted : That *George Hazard*, *Henry Marchant*, and *John Topham*, Esquires, and Mr. *Daniel Mason*, and Mr. *George Champlin*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to value the said Lot of Land, and report their Valuation of the same to the General-Treasurer : That if it shall appear, by the Report of the said Committee, that the Value of the said Lot exceeds the Amount of the Debt due from the said Estate, in such Case the said *John Lawton* shall pay the Surplus into the General-Treasury : That on the said Payment being made, and the Security for the said Debt being lodged in the General-Treasury, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to make and execute a Deed unto the said *John Lawton*, conveying unto him and his Heirs all the Right, Title and Interest, which the said *Thomas Bannister* had in the said Estate at the Time the same was confiscated.

Committee  
to enquire  
into an Estate  
late *T. Bannister's*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General, *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; and Mr. *George Champlin*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Circumstances of an Estate late *Thomas Bannister's*, an Absentee, now in Possession of Messieurs *Thomas* and *Samuel Freebody*, and whereof there is an Equity of Redemption, now vested in this State, not yet expired ; and that the said Committee ascertain the particular Circumstances attending the said Estate, and report thereon to this Assembly at the next Session.

Delegates to  
attend Con-  
gress.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Ellery*, and *Jobu Brown*, Esquires, be and they are hereby directed to attend Congress as Delegates



gates from this State in *November* next, to which Time Congress stands adjourned; and that said Delegates, previous to their leaving this State, attend this General Assembly, to receive such Directions and Instructions as may be thought necessary.

WHEREAS *George Hazard, Henry Marchant, and John Topham*, Esquires, and *Mr. George Champlin, and Mr. Daniel Mason*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

Report of the Committee setting off a Lot of Land to *J. Kerber*:

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly a Committee, with *Mr. Peleg Clarke*, to examine and enquire for a small Tenement, belonging to this State, in the City of *Newport*, that will accommodate *John Kerber* (who hath a Demand on the State) as a Shop, and be of the Value of the Money due to the said *John Kerber* from the State, do report, that we have made Enquiry, and have found a Lot of Land in *Newport*, adjoining Easterly on the back Street, with a small Tenement standing thereon, which is represented to your Committee by the Attorney-General as the Estate formerly of *Thomas Bannister*, which we think will accommodate the said *Kerber* for the Purpose aforesaid, and be of the Value of his Demand. Which is submitted by your humble Servants,

GEORGE HAZARD,	} Committee.
HENRY MARCHANT,	
JOHN TOPHAM,	
GEORGE CHAMPLIN,	
DANIEL MASON,	

*South-Kingstown, Aug. 27, 1784.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer, in Behalf of this State, give a Lease for Twenty Years, commencing from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, A. D. 1785, and to expire on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, A. D. 1805, of the said Lot of Land, lying in *Newport*, late the Property of *Thomas Bannister*, bounded Easterly on the back Street, with a small Stable thereon, unto the said *John Kerber*, his Executors and Administrators; reserving a Rent of One Ear of green *Indian Corn*, to be paid on the Third *Monday* of *August* yearly, if demanded, with a Covenant that, at the Expiration of the Term, all the Buildings and Improvements which the said *John Kerber* shall place upon the said Lot shall be viewed and appraised by Three indifferent Persons, to be mutually chosen by the General Assembly and the said *John Kerber*, or his Representatives; and that the Value of the said Buildings be paid unto him, or that he shall have Liberty to remove them off.



## An A C T fixing and ascertaining the Limits of the Prison Bounds in the County of *Kent*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That for the future the Limits of the Prison in the County of *Kent* shall be fixed, ascertained and bounded, in the following Manner, to wit:

SOUTHERLY,

Limits of  
the *Kent* County  
Gaol ascer-  
tained.

SOUTHERLY, by the South Line of the Lot on which the Gaol-House stands; thence to extend Easterly, in the same Course of the said Line, the Westerly Side of the Highway leading North and South by *Nicholas Goddard's* House; Northerly, by the Northern Line of a Street leading East and West, and adjoining to the said Prison Lot, and so extending Easterly in the same Course of the said Line, until it comes to the Highway aforesaid; Easterly by the said Highway, and Westerly partly by the Western Line of the said Lot, and from the Northwest Corner thereof to extend Westerly in the Street aforesaid, until it comes to the Eastern Line of the main Street; and that the Sheriff of the said County of *Kent* cause the said Limits to be marked off as aforesaid, and make a Plat and Return thereof into the Clerk's Office of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the said County.

*PROVIDED nevertheless*, That nothing herein contained shall be extended so far as to injure private Property, or to form a Claim or Claims against the State for any Compensation in that Respect.



Officers appointed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Persons be and they are hereby appointed to command the First Company of Infantry in *Johnston*, to wit: *Arnold Fenner*, Captain; *Daniel Wilbour*, Lieutenant; and *Isaac Fisk*, Ensign.

*R. J. Helme* allowed 9s.

*THE Account of Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for repairing the Court-House in the County of *Washington*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Rowse J. Helme* out of the General-Treasury.

Secretary to lay before the Assembly Acts relative to Taxation.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to lay before this Assembly, at the next Session, all Acts or Copies of Acts of this General Assembly, which are now in Force, relative to Taxation.

Salary allowed the Governor and Deputy-Governor.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed to his Excellency the Governor, for his Salary for the last Year, ending the First Day of *May* last; and that the Sum of *Forty-five Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed to his Honor the Deputy-Governor, for his Salary for the last Year, ending on the said First Day of *May*; and that the said Sums respectively be paid them out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to adjust Claims against the Estates of Absentees.

WHEREAS the Committee heretofore appointed to receive, examine and adjust the Claims against the Estates of Absentees, which have been confiscated, made their Report, whereby it appears that many Claims exhibited to them were unaccompanied with proper Vouchers, and were not finally determined on, by being allowed or rejected by said Committee: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee,

mittee, confisting of *William Channing, Caleb Harris, Gideon Hoxfie, Adam Comstock, and Benjamin Bourne*, Esquires, be and the same is hereby revived : That the said Committee be and they or any Three of them are hereby fully authorized and empowered, to re-examine the aforesaid Claims, the Propriety of which they have reported as doubtful : That the said Committee be also empowered to receive and examine all other Claims which have not yet been exhibited to the said Committee under their former Appointment, or the Committee which was appointed to receive and examine such Claims, after the first mentioned Committee had made their Report : That the Committee, now revived, be and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to summon Witnesses before them, and examine them on Oath touching any Claims which may be laid before them : That the said Committee adjudge and determine finally on all Claims which shall be exhibited to them, by allowing and passing such as shall appear to be just and reasonable, and rejecting and disallowing such as shall appear not to be well vouched, or not sufficiently proved and supported by Evidence : That the said Committee convene at the City of *Newport*, as soon as may be convenient, on the Business of their Appointment, first advertising in all the News-Papers in the State the Time of their meeting ; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

WHEREAS a Number of Citizens, Members of the *Sabbatarian* Churches of the City of *Newport*, and Towns of *Westerly, Hopkinton and Middletown*, in this State, have preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, praying that they, and all others of their religious Principles and Persuasion, may be permitted to follow, pursue and transact their secular Business and Concerns on the First Day of the Week, they paying a religious and legal Deference to the Seventh Day of the Week as their Christian Sabbath : And this General Assembly taking the Subject Matter of the said Petition into Consideration, and willing to extend the Privileges and Immunities of the Citizens as far as may be consistent with good Government, *Do Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted*, That from and after the Rising of this Assembly, all the Professors of the *Sabbatarian* Societies throughout this State, and such others as shall be owned and acknowledged by them as Members of or belonging to said Societies, or any of them, shall be permitted to labour in their respective Possessions on the First Day of the Week ; and that they have Liberty quietly and peaceably to pass and repass on Foot, or on Horseback ; for that Purpose : Any former Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

*PROVIDED nevertheless*, That this Act shall not extend to the Liberty of opening Shops or Stores on the said Day, for the Purpose of Trade and Merchandize ; nor to the lading, unlading, or sitting out of Vessels ; nor to the working at the Smith's Business, or any other mechanical Trade, in any compact Place ; not to the drawing of Seines, or Fishing or Fowling in any Manner in public Places, and off their own Possessions.

AND in case any Dispute shall arise respecting the Subjects of this Act, and who shall be exempted thereby, *Be it further Enacted by the*

*Authority aforesaid*, That in all such Cases a Certificate from the ordained Pastor of any of the aforesaid Churches, or from any Three of the professed Members of such Church or Society, declaring the Person or Persons, claiming the Exemptions aforesaid, to be a Member or Members of, or owned by, or belonging to, such Church or Society, shall be received as full and conclusive Evidence in Favour of the Subject or Subjects aforesaid.

*T. Rumrell to furnish Oil, &c. for the Light-House.* *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Rumrell, Esq;* Intendant of Trade for the County of *Newport*, be and he is hereby directed to furnish a sufficient Quantity of Oil and Wick for the Light-House on *Beaver-Tail*, as the same may be wanted: That he pay unto *Mr. William Martin* the Sum of *Ten Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money, quarterly, for his Salary in taking Care of the said Light-House, out of the Monies he shall receive from the Duties ordered on Ships and other Vessels, for the Repairs and Support of the said Light-House; and that he keep regular Accounts thereof.

*E. Gardner, jun. allowed £ 9 8 s. 5 d.* THE Account of *Mr. Ezekiel Gardner, jun.* exhibited unto this Assembly, for boarding and nursing *Hercules Gardner*, a sick Soldier belonging to this State's Continental Battalion, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Eight Shillings and Fivepence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Ezekiel Gardner, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.



AN ACT in further Amendment of, and Addition to, an Act, entituled, “An Act laying an Impost of Two per Cent. *ad Valorem*, upon certain Articles therein enumerated, for the Purpose of paying the annual Interest arising upon the public Securities of this State.”

*Act amending the Impost Act.* **B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That no Master of a Vessel, or any other Person, shall be permitted to unlade such Vessel, or break Bulk, unless the Master thereof shall have exhibited a Manifest of all the Cargo and Goods on board such Vessel, and shall have secured the Duty on the Goods laden on board such Vessel, as directed in the said Act, within Four Days after the Arrival of such Vessel.

*BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That any Master of a Vessel who shall make or exhibit to a Collector of Impost, on Oath, a Manifest which shall not contain a just and true Account of all the dutiable Goods laden on board such Vessel on her Arrival, and shall be thereof lawfully convicted in any Court of Record in this State, shall suffer the Pains and Penalties of Perjury, and be subjected to

to all the Disabilities and Disqualifications attending Offenders convicted of Perjury, and shall also forever afterwards be rendered incapable and utterly disqualified to enter or clear any Vessel, at any Indentant of Trade's Office in this State.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That all dutiable Goods, which shall be imported into this State by the Citizens of any other State, with the sole View of transporting the same through this State to some other State, shall be permitted to pass through this State exempt from Duty: Provided the Owner, Consignee or Carrier of such Goods, shall produce a Certificate to the Collector of Impost in the County where the Goods shall arrive, from the Collector of Impost from whence the said Goods shall be brought, that an Impost as high as Two and an Half *per Cent.* has been paid on such Goods.

*PROVIDED also,* That the said Owner, Consignee or Carrier, shall declare on Oath, before such Collector, that such Goods shall be carried out of this State, without being first sold or consumed therein.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Collectors of Impost for each County respectively be and they are hereby empowered, to appoint Two proper Persons as Gaugers and Weighers of all dutiable Goods for each County respectively, whose proper Business it shall be to gauge and weigh all dutiable Goods which shall arrive in their respective Counties: That such Gaugers and Weighers shall, on landing, gauge all dutied Liquors, and weigh all dutied Articles, which are sold by Weight or Measure, and deliver a Certificate thereof to the Collector of Impost, within Ten Days after the same shall be landed: That such Gauger shall brand or mark, on every Cask gauged by him, the Number of Gallons contained in such Cask, and the Name of such Gauger: That any Cask containing dutied Liquors, which shall not be marked or branded with the Mark or Brand of such Gauger, shall be liable to be seized and forfeited to any Person who will give Information thereof, and that the Certificate of no other Gauger or Weigher shall be received by any Collector of Impost: That any such Gaugers and Weighers who shall be convicted of making or delivering a false Certificate of the Contents of any Cargo of dutied Goods, or a Certificate which shall not contain a just and true Account of all the dutied Liquors and other dutied Articles which are usually sold by Weight or Measure, which shall arrive in any Vessel, shall be fined *One Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, and be disqualified from sustaining any Office civil or military in this State: That such Gauger and Weigher, immediately on his Appointment, shall take an Oath for the faithful Discharge of his Office: That it shall be in the Power of any Collector of Impost to displace any Gauger and Weigher for Misbehaviour, and to appoint another in his Place: And that the Expence of weighing and gauging shall be paid by the Owner or Consignee of the Goods weighed and gauged.

*IT is Ordered,* That the Secretary cause Copies of this Act to be sent to all the Collectors of Impost in the State, immediately after the Rising of this Assembly.

WHEREAS

August, 1784.

Report of the Committee who laid out Point-Judith Farm.

WHEREAS *George Hazard, Jonathan Comstock, and Robert Stanton, Esquires, and Mr. Rowland Brown,* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly a Committee, to lay out and divide the State's-Farm, lying at *Point-Judith*, into so many Farms as we should think best, do report, that on the Ninth Day of *August*, A. D. 1784, we repaired to the said Farm, first causing a Survey to be made, and then divided the same into Six Lots (the Marsh excepted) Four of which extend from the Sea to the Pond, and the others are divided by a North and South Line : We also run a dividing Line between the Upland and Salt-Marsh, and have bounded the said Lots with Stakes and Stones at the Corners thereof, and also numbered each Lot, and entered the Quantity of Acres it contains on our Plat. We have assigned unto each of the Lots No. 1, 2 and 3, Two-Ninth Parts of the said Salt-Marsh, and to each of the Lots No. 4, 5 and 6, One-Ninth Part of said Marsh. We also have laid out a Highway, partly through the said Farm, beginning at the West Side of the Bar-Way at the End of the Stone Wall, which is the Line between the said Farm and the *Wolcott* Farm; thence South 22 Degrees West 296 Rods, where we fixed a Stake and Stones; thence South 132 Rods to the North-East Corner, and the North-West Corner of the two Southernmost Lots, laying all the said Way Two Rods wide on the East Side of the Bounds. We have also laid a Highway, of Eight Rods wide and Forty Rods long, on the South Side of the Lot No. 3, to the fresh Pond, that every Lot may have free Access in case of Drought. We also have laid out a Lot of about Ten Acres on the South Side of the Marsh, adjoining the Sea and Beach, for a Common, and laid out a Drift-Way, beginning at the West Side of the Highway at the dividing Line between the Lots No. 3 and 4; thence to run across the Lot No. 4, and across the Corner of the Lot No. 5, to the Elbow-Corner adjoining the Salt-Marsh, and across the Corner of the Marsh, that every Lot may have free Access to the Marsh, and to the common Lot. All which will more fully appear by our Plat herewith presented.

GEORGE HAZARD, JONATHAN COMSTOCK, ROBERT STANTON, ROWLAND BROWN,	}	Committee.
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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Tract of Land be sold at public Vendue or private Sale, for Specie, or any of the public Securities of this State : That *John Jenckes, Archibald Cray, Robert Stanton, and Jonathan Comstock, Esquires, and Mr. Rowland Brown*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to sell the said Farm or Tract of Land, in separate Divisions or Lots, agreeable to the said Plat : That on the Payment of the Purchase-Money into the General-Treasury, the General-Treasurer is hereby directed and empowered to execute unto any and every of the Purchasers of the said Lots a Deed, conveying unto the said Purchaser an Estate of Inheritance in Fee-simple, with Warranty.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Hazard*, and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, and *Mr. George Champlin*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to settle the General-Treasurer's Accounts; and that they report as soon as may be.

Committee to settle the General-Treasurer's Accounts.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, *Esek Hopkins*, and *James M. Varnum*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report upon the Petition of *Winthrop Saltonstall*, Esq; and others, preferred unto this Assembly at the last Session, respecting a House and Lot of Land in *Newport*, late the Property of *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; formerly Governor of this State, which was confiscated to the State, *to wit* :

House and Land late *J. Wanton's*, sen. given up to the Heirs.

THE Subscribers being of the Committee to enquire into the Petition of *Winthrop Saltonstall*, Esq; and others, do report, that the Messuage, consisting of the Lot and House referred to in the said Petition, was confiscated as the Estate of *William Wanton*, as set forth by the Petitioners: That it appears that heretofore the said *Joseph Wanton*, Father to the said *William Wanton*, was seized in Fee-simple of the said Messuage, and it doth not appear that ever the same was conveyed by him to the said *William Wanton*, or any other Person: That the said *Joseph Wanton* died intestate, and left legal Representatives: It is therefore submitted to the Honorable General Assembly to pass the following Resolution, *to wit* :

*RESOLVED*, That the legal Heirs of *Joseph Wanton*, sen. late of *Newport*, Esq; deceased, have full Liberty to make Claim to and take in Possession the House in which the said *Joseph Wanton* lived next before his Decease, together with the Lot on which the same stands, now in the Occupation of *Mr. Benjamin Almy*, any Claim of this State heretofore made notwithstanding.

WILLIAM CHANNING,  
ESEK HOPKINS,  
JAMES M. VARNUM, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the legal Heirs of the said *Joseph Wanton*, deceased, have full Liberty to make Claim to and take into Possession the said House in which the said *Joseph Wanton* lived next before his Decease, together with the Lot on which the same stands, now in the Occupation of *Mr. Benjamin Almy*, any Claim of this State heretofore made notwithstanding.

THE Petition of *Mr. John Weeden*, preferred unto this Assembly, *J. Weeden's* praying that the Rents and Profits of the Estate late belonging to *John Andrews*, of *Newport*, which hath been confiscated, may be paid him by the Attorney-General, as he is almost the only Creditor, this Assembly having, at last May Session, given up the said Estate for the Benefit of the said Creditors, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted, first deducting therefrom the Cost and Expence of leasing the same, &c.

Petition granted.

# An A C T ascertaining the Weights of Gold Coin that shall be current in this State.

Act ascertaining the Weights of Gold Coin.

**W** H E R E A S the current Gold Coin, circulating within the United States, is received in Payments in the neighbouring States at a less Weight than by Law is fixed here, by which Means this State is drained entirely of the Gold Coin, saving that which is mutilated by the neighbouring States, to the great Disadvantage of the Inhabitants of this State :

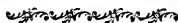
WHEREFORE, in order that Gold Coin may pass current within this State as it doth in the neighbouring States,

*B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Rate and Value, in Lawful Money, of the several Pieces of Gold Coin herein after mentioned shall be as followeth, to wit :*

	<i>Dw. Gr.</i>	
A Five Moidore Piece, weighing 1 Oz.	13 20	£ 9 0 0
A Double <i>Johannes</i> or <i>Jacobus</i> ,	18 0	4 16 0
A Doubloon or Four Pistole Piece,	16 23	4 10 0
A Two and an Half Moidore Piece,	16 22	4 10 0
A Single <i>Johannes</i> or <i>Jacobus</i> , or 36 s. Sterling Piece,	9 0	2 8 0
A Two Pistole Piece,	8 11½	2 5 0
A Moidore, or 27 s. Sterling Piece,	6 18½	1 16 0
A Guinea <i>English</i> ,	5 6	1 8 0
A Guinea <i>French</i> or <i>Louis d'or</i> ,	5 6	1 7 0
A Half <i>Johannes</i> or <i>Jacobus</i> ,	4 12	1 4 0
A Pistole,	4 6	1 2 6
A Half <i>English</i> Guinea,	2 15	0 14 0
A <i>French</i> Half Guinea or Half <i>Louis d'or</i> ,	2 15	0 13 6
A Quarter of a <i>Johannes</i> or <i>Jacobus</i> ,	2 6	0 12 0

*A N D be it further Enacted, That all the above enumerated Gold Coins, of the Weights aforesaid, shall be received in all Payments to be made into the General-Treasury, at and after the Rates above expressed; and that the said Gold Coins, of the Weights aforesaid, shall be a legal Tender, in Payment and Discharge of all Debts due, owing or payable, between Individuals, agreeable to the Value herein expressed.*

*A N D be it further Enacted. That all the Gold Coins herein above expressed, which shall weigh more than the above Standard, shall pass and be received in all Payments at a Value, allowing *Twopence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, for each and every Grain which such Piece or Pieces of Coin shall weigh above the said Weight herein affixed.*



WHEREAS



WHEREAS *Rowse J. Helme*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, and *Mr. Daniel Mason*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, House and Land, formerly *J. Honyman's*, given up to his Devisees.  
*to wit :*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to enquire into the Circumstances respecting the Estate which is at present in the Occupation of *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq; who holds the same as a Tenant to this State, beg Leave to report, that from the Documents to us produced, it appears that the said Estate was confiscated as the Estate of *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; but that the said *Joseph Wanton*, jun. never had the Fee of said Estate, either by Deed or Possession; but that the same belonged unto *James Honyman*, Esq; who by his last Will and Testament, bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of *January*, A.D. 1778, gave and devised the same unto his Three Grandchildren, Daughters of the said *Joseph Wanton*, jun. *to wit :* *Mary*, *Elizabeth*, and *Ruth*, who have all married *British* Officers, and who are Subjects of his *Britannic* Majesty; and that this State can have no Claim upon the same by Way of Confiscation, it being in the Heirs or Devisees of the said *James Honyman*, who can legally hold the same. All which is submitted by your humble Servants,

ROWSE J. HELME,  
 WILLIAM CHANNING, } Committee.  
 DANIEL MASON,

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Estate be yielded up and surrendered to the Heirs or Devisees of the said *James Honyman*, deceased, any former Act or Claim of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.



## An ACT for regulating the Assize of Casks, and preventing Deceit in packing Beef, Pork and Fish, for Sale.

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Barrells and Half Barrells, made in this State, shall be of the following Assize, *to wit :* Barrells shall contain Thirty-one Gallons and an Half each, and Half Barrells shall contain Fifteen Gallons and Three Quarts each, to be made of good, sound, well-seasoned Stuff: That every Cooper making such Casks shall set his Brand-Mark on the same, with the initial Letters of his Name; and that all Barrells and Half Barrells under the Assize aforesaid shall be forfeited, one Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Poor of such Town where the same shall be seized, to be paid into the Town-Treasury.

AND

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Casks containing either Beef, Pork or Fish, before the same be exposed to Sale, be duly viewed and examined by a sworn Packer of this State, who is carefully to see that the same be good, merchantable, and well packed, before he shall set his Mark thereon : And that every Barrel of Pork shall contain at least Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds Weight, and every Barrel of Beef at least Two Hundred and Forty Pounds Weight.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Beef, Pork or Fish, shall be shipped on board any Ship or other Vessel for Exportation, not having the Packer's Mark thereon as aforesaid, the Master of such Vessel shall forfeit the Value of such Beef, Pork or Fish, so shipped, the One Half to the Informer, and the other Half to and for the Use of the State ; to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record in this State.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Cider, Beer or other liquid Commodity, be exposed to Sale in this State, in any Barrels or Half Barrels that are not of the Assize aforesaid, the same shall be forfeited, the One Half to the Informer, and the other Half to and for the Use of the State, to be recovered as aforesaid ; and that any Warden or Justice of the Peace, upon Complaint or Information to him made, shall grant forth his Warrant for seizing and securing the same.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall commence and be in full Force on the First Day of October next, excepting such a Part thereof as respects Fish Barrels, which is to take Place on the First Day of March next, and not sooner ; and that this Act be published in the Newport Mercury, and Providence Gazette, Three Weeks successively.*



*Grants to G. Hazard, £ 2* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the following Sums be allowed and paid to the undermentioned Persons, out of the General-Treasury, for their Time and Trouble in laying out and dividing the Point-Judith Farm, to wit :*

*14 s. J. Comstock £ 2 14 s.  
R. Stanton £ 3 18 s. R.  
Brown £ 1  
10 s. and G.  
and T. Hazard £ 2 8 s.*

*George Hazard, Esq; Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings ; Jonathan Comstock, Esq; Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings ; Robert Stanton, Esq; Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings ; Mr. Rowland Brown, One Pound Ten Shillings ; and to Messieurs George and Thomas Hazard, the Sum of One Pound Four Shillings, Lawful Money, each.*

*Salary allowed the General-Treasurer £ 240.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Joseph Clarke, Esq; be and he is hereby allowed the Sum of Two Hundred and Forty Pounds, Lawful Money, for One Year's Salary, as General-Treasurer, ending the First Day of May, A. D. 1783 ; and that he receive the same out of the General-Treasury.*

UPON

UPON the Account of Mr. *Ebenezer Slocum*, exhibited unto this *E. Slocum* to Assembly, for a Whaleboat and Oars lost in *December*, A. D. 1778, receive a valued at *Fifty-four Pound* Continental Money, the following Re-Note for £6. port was made, to wit:

AGREEABLE to our Appointment, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to ascertain the Value of the Boats lost in the different Expeditions against *Rhode-Island*, we do report, that in our Opinion Mr. *Ebenezer Slocum* ought to be allowed the Sum of *Six Pounds*, Lawful Money, for the Boat and Oars which he lost. Which is submitted by

PAUL ALLEN, }  
ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the General-Treasurer be directed to give his promissory Note to the said *Ebenezer Slocum*, for the said Sum of *Six Pounds*, Lawful Money, payable on Demand, with Interest.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Account, together with his Report thereon, to wit:

State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c.		Dr.	<i>W. Channing's</i> Account for the Sale of <i>L. Martin's</i> House.
1784.	To Cash paid Lieut. <i>Ennis</i> , on Account		
March 10.	of his proportionable Part of the Money, arising from the Sale of the House late <i>Linn Martin's</i> ,	£ 6 10 0	
May 20.	To Cash paid Ditto,	46 12 0	
March 6.	To Cash paid <i>Benjamin Bourne</i> , on Account of <i>Solomon Roffee</i> , for his proportionable Part of the same Money,	23 17 0	
June 17.	To Cash paid <i>Ezekiel Cooke</i> , being his Part of the same,	68 16 0	
	To Cash paid <i>John Gardner</i> his Account,	5 5 9	
	To Cash paid <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq;	201 9 3	
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		£ 352 10 0	

Creditor.

By Cash received of *Daniel Gardner*, being the Purchase-Money of the House late *Linn Martin's*,

WILLIAM CHANNING.

THE Subscriber being appointed, with *John Collins*, Esq; to make Sale of the House late belonging to *Linn Martin*, reports, that the same was sold to Mr. *Daniel Gardner*, he being the highest Bidder, for *Three Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money; and that he hath paid the Money agreeable to the Orders of the General Assembly, as appears by the above Account.

WILLIAM CHANNING.

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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to execute a Deed to the said *Daniel Gardner* of the said Lot and Dwelling-House, conveying to him the Fee-simple thereof, with Warranty.

*T. Wells* allowed £ 1 10 s.

THE Account of *Thomas Wells*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in letting out the confiscated Estates, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Wells* out of the General-Treasury.

Grant for *Pawtuxet* Bridge, £ 40.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Col. Benjamin Arnold* be and he is hereby empowered to receive the Sum of *Forty Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury: That he apply the same towards defraying the Expence of rebuilding *Pawtuxet* Bridge, which was destroyed by the great Floods in the last Spring; the said *Benjamin Arnold* having engaged and stipulated with this Assembly, that he will, with the aforesaid Grant, and such other Assistance as he may obtain, by Subscription or otherwise, finish and compleat the Rebuilding the aforesaid Bridge.

*PROVIDED* nevertheless, That this Grant shall not be considered as a Precedent, to warrant or justify any future Application to rebuild or repair the aforesaid or any other Bridge in the State.

*H. Sherburne* allowed £ 4 4 s.

THE Account of *Henry Sherburne*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services at the present Session as Deputy-Secretary, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Henry Sherburne* out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to settle Accounts with *R. Smith*, and he protected from Arrests.

WHEREAS there is a considerable Sum of Money yet due from *Mr. Royzel Smith*, for the Rents and Taxes on the *Point-Judith* Farm, for the Years 1781 and 1782; and it also appearing that several Sums of Money have been received by *William W. Pollock*, formerly Tax-Gatherer for *South-Kingstown*, for Rates and Taxes on the said Farm in the abovesaid Time, which have not been accounted for: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Wells*, and *William Hammond*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into the State of the Rates and Taxes between the said *Royzel Smith* and *William W. Pollock*: That they also make a Settlement between the said *Royzel Smith* and such Persons as occupied and improved any Part of the said Farm under him, and between the said *Royzel Smith* and this State; and that they receive Orders for the Balances on such Persons as may be indebted to said *Royzel Smith*, and report their Doings to this Assembly, at the next Session.

AND it is further *Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Royzel Smith* be and he is hereby protected from all Suits on *Mefne Process*, until the Rising of this General Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Paris Gardner*, a Deputy-Sheriff, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account of Monies he had received from divers Persons in the Town of *South-Kingstown*, which he now hath in his Hands, upon several Clafs-Bills committed to him to collect: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Fifty-one Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be paid by the said *Paris Gardner* immediately into the General-Treasury.

*P. Gardner* to pay into the General-Treasury £51 6s. 6d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General commence Actions, to the first Court within this State, for all Rents due for the real Estates in the County of *Newport*, which have been leased by this State; and that he pay therefrom the Money due to Mrs. *Cornell*, for her Dower of the *Elam Farm* for the Year 1783.

Attorney-General to commence Actions for Rents due.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *George Gibbs*, who was appointed to repair the Court-House in *Newport*, be and he is hereby directed to cause the Roof of the said House to be painted, in such Manner as he shall think most conducive to its Preservation.

*G. Gibbs* to paint the Roof of the Court-House in *Newport*.

*It is Voted Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue his Warrants for collecting the Fines due for the Deficiencies in the Recruits ordered to be raised for Three Years, agreeable to the Act of this Assembly passed at last *December* Session.

General-Treasurer to issue Warrants against Delinquents for the Three Years Men.

THE Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Towns of *Westerly* and *Hopkinton*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that they may not be obliged to open a Passage of more than Fifteen Feet in a Mill-Dam upon *Pawcatuck River*, for the Passing of Fish up the same, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved* (by the Consent of Parties) That the Viewers of the Mill-Dams in the Town of *Hopkinton* be and they are hereby empowered to examine the said Mill-Dam, and to direct the Width of the Passage for Fish to be made in the said Mill-Dam; and that such Passage by them adjudged to be sufficient, upon being opened, shall be a full Compliance with the Act respecting the Passage of Fish up the said River, any Thing in said Act to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided that the said Dam-Viewers do not exceed the Width of Twenty Feet, mentioned in the said Act.

Petition respecting a Dam upon *Pawcatuck River*.

THE Account of *John Warner*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Time and Expences in settling the Account of *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq; being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Warner* out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Warner* allowed 9 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Archibald Crary*, and *John Warner*, *Kent* Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into and ascertain the Repairs necessary for the State-House in the County of *Kent*: That the Sheriff of the said County cause the Repairs to be made that they shall deem necessary, and lay his Account for the same before this Assembly.

*Kent* Court-House to be repaired.

*Bristol Court-House* to be repaired. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Shearjashub Bourne*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to paint and repair the State-House in the County of *Bristol*; and that he lay an Account of the Expence thereof before this Assembly.

Petitions referred. WHEREAS there is not sufficient Time to try the Petitions now pending before this Assembly, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all such Petitions as pray for the staying of Executions, be and the same are hereby referred to the next Session; and that such Executions be stayed, until the last Day of the next Session of this General Assembly.

*R. Smith, jun.* allowed 13 s. A CERTIFICATE given to Mr. *Richard Smith, jun.* by *William Throop*, Captain of the Militia, for a Gun taken from him and turned into the public Store, in *August*, A. D. 1778, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Richard Smith, jun.* out of the General-Treasury, in full for said Gun.

Gallery to be built in the Court-House in *Newport*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *George Gibbs* be and he is hereby directed to cause a Gallery to be built in the Room of the House of Deputies in the State-House in *Newport*, for the Accommodation of Spectators.

Court-House Parade in *Providence* to be inclosed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jenckes*, and *Joseph Nightingale*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause the Parade before the State-House in *Providence* to be inclosed with Posts and Rails, so as to prevent Teams from passing thereon; and that an Account of the Expence of the same be laid before this Assembly.

Court-House in *Washington* County to be repaired. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to cause the Court-House in *Washington* County to be painted, the Underpinning repaired, and Stone Steps to be placed to said House; and that he lay an Account of the Expence thereof before this Assembly.

*F. Perry* allowed £ 1 4 s. THE Representation of *Freeman Perry*, Esq; made to this Assembly, that he had taken from him a Gun, Cartridge-Box, and Twenty-four Rounds of Ammunition, for the Expedition in *August*, A. D. 1778, against *Rhode-Island*, for which he hath never received any Compensation, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Pound Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Freeman Perry*, out of the General-Treasury, in full Compensation therefor.

*J. Gordon* allowed £ 11 10 s. 6 d. THE Account of Mr. *Joseph Gordon*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Washington*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for maintaining divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the Governor and Company, and for repairing the said Gaol, &c. being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Eleven Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Gordon* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS it is represented to this Assembly, that an Error hath been taken Place, in the rendering a Judgment of a Special Court of Common Pleas, lately held in the County of *Washington*, in an Action of Debt prosecuted by the General-Treasurer against Mr. *William W. Pollock*, late Collector of Taxes in the Town of *South-Kingstown*, and others: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Judgment be set aside: That the said Action be again referred to the said Court, who are hereby empowered and directed to convene within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and make up such Judgment in said Action as to Right and Justice shall appertain: That the Attorney-General, and *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; be requested to attend the said Court in Behalf of the State, and furnish the necessary Evidence, to the End that a righteous Judgment may take Place; and that on such Judgment Execution issue, returnable in the same Time to which the former Execution obtained was returnable.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Six-Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to *John Rice*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, which Sum he paid to Mr. *Daniel Gates*, as a Reward for apprehending one *Josiah Gates*, who was in Custody for counterfeiting Money, and made his Escape; likewise the Sum of Eight Shillings, to be paid the said *John Rice* out of the General-Treasury, for the Use of Mr. *Seth Miner*, who was Keeper of the Gaol in *Norwich*, in the State of *Connecticut*, where the said *Josiah Gates* was committed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Executions which have issued from the General-Treasurer, against the several Town-Treasurers, for Arrears in the State Tax, payable in *December*, A.D. 1783, be postponed for One Month, from and after the Rising of this Assembly, and no longer; and that the several Sheriffs, possessed of such Executions, govern themselves accordingly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to Mr. *Thomas Brand* out of the General-Treasury, for repairing *Pawcatuck Bridge*; and that he account for the Expenditure of the same to this Assembly.

THE Account of Mr. *Beriah Waite*, a Deputy-Sheriff, exhibited unto this Assembly, for the Time and Expences of himself and Aid, in apprehending *Uriah Bacon*, by a Warrant from *Freeman Perry*, Esq; being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Eighteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Beriah Waite* out of the General-Treasury.

THE Account of Mr. *David Douglass*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter, and for Candles, a Water-Pail, &c. being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eightpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *David Douglass* out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Bourne* THE Account of *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session as Clerk of the Lower House, and for Paper furnished, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Benjamin Bourne* out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Tefft* THE Account of Mr. *Ebenezer Tefft*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance upon the present Session as a Waiter, and for cleaning the Court-House, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Ebenezer Tefft* out of the General-Treasury.

*October Session to be holden at Providence.* *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Assembly, which by Law is to convene on the last *Wednesday* in *October* next, meet on the last *Monday* in the same Month at *Providence*; any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Adjournment. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmittted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned until *Saturday*, next preceding the last *Monday* in *October* next, if then called; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be and hereby is dissolved.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward*







At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four, and in the Ninth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,  
G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

*Jabez Rowen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

JOSEPH BROWN, Esq;

RICHARD SEARLE, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

GIDEON CLARKE, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

JOHN SMITH (*Gloucester*.) Esq;

Assistants.

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Efq*;  
 Henry Marchant, *Efq*;  
 Mr. George Champlin,  
 John Topham, *Efq*;  
 Caleb Gardner, *Efq*;  
 Mr. Daniel Maton.

## PROVIDENCE :

Joseph Nightingale, *Efq*;  
 John Jenckes, *Efq*;  
 Mr. Paul Allen,  
 Charles Keen, *Efq*;

## PORTSMOUTH :

Mr. Joseph Cundall,  
 Mr. William Anthony, *jun*.  
 Mr. Burrington Anthony,  
 Mr. Holder Chace.

## WARWICK :

John Warner, *Efq*;  
 Mr. Thomas Remington,  
 Benjamin Arnold, *jun*. *Efq*;  
 Mr. David Wightman.

## WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Efq*;  
 Mr. Walter White.

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. William Littlefield.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner, *jun*.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowse J. Helme, *Efq*;  
 Mr. Rowland Brown

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Crary, *Efq*;  
 Benjamin Tillinghast, *Efq*;

## JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Weeden,  
 Rowland Robinson, *Efq*;

## SMITHFIELD :

Mr. Stephen Arnold, *jun*.  
 William Aldrich, *Efq*;

## SCITUATE :

Rufus Hopkins, *Efq*;  
 William West, *Efq*;

## GLOUCESTER :

Stephen Steere, *Efq*;

Mr. David Burlingame.

## CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun*. *Efq*;  
 Mr. Nathan Kinyon.

## WEST-GREENWICH :

Benjamin Tillinghast, *Efq*;

## COVENTRY :

Mr. Jeremiah Fenner,  
 Isaac Johnston, *Efq*;

## EXETER :

Mr. Hopson Wilcox.

## MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Nicholas Easton.

## BRISTOL :

William Bradford, *Efq*;  
 Nathaniel Fales, *Efq*;

## TIVERTON :

Mr. Nathaniel Briggs,  
 Mr. Benjamin Howland.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. William Ladd,  
 Mr. William Brown.

## WARREN :

Nathan Miller, *Efq*;

## CUMBERLAND :

John Dexter, *Efq*;  
 Nathaniel Shepardson, *Efq*;

## RICHMOND :

Robert Stanton, *Efq*;  
 Mr. Thomas James.

## CRANSTON :

William Field, *Efq*;  
 Israel Gorton, *Efq*;

## JOHNSTON :

John Waterman, *Efq*;  
 Mr. Edward Manton.

## HOPKINTON :

Mr. John Brown.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Esek Hopkins, *Efq*;  
 Hope Angell, *Efq*;

## BARRINGTON :

Mr. Asa Bicknall,  
 Samuel Allen, *Efq*;

## FOSTER :

William Tyler, *Efq*;

*The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; was chosen Speaker; and BENJAMIN BOURNE, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*

**I***T is Voted and Resolved*, That an Address be presented to the Honorable the Marquis *de la Fayette*, in Behalf of this General Assembly, congratulating him on his Return to *America*; and that the Secretary, *James M. Varnum, Benjamin Bourne, and Henry Sherburne*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draught the said Address.

Committee to prepare an Address to the Marquis *de la Fayette*.

THE Petition of *George Lawton*, a wounded Soldier, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that an Allowance may be made him for his Half-Pay now in Arrear, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Six Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General-Treasury, in full for his Half-Pay, from the First of *May* last to the First of *November*, A. D. 1784.

*G. Lawton* allowed £ 6.

WHEREAS the Secretary, *James M. Varnum, Benjamin Bourne, and Henry Sherburne*, Esquires, reported unto this Assembly the following Draught of an Address to the Honorable the Marquis *de la Fayette*:

Address to the Marquis *de la Fayette*.

THE Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, in General Assembly convened, present to the Marquis *de la Fayette* their sincerest Congratulations upon his Arrival in this State. They have ever admired that noble Zeal in the Cause of Freedom, which prompted him to encounter Dangers in every Form, to rescue this Country from Tyranny and Oppression. They cannot too much acknowledge the Merit of those Heroes and Patriots, to whose Exertions they are so greatly indebted for the inestimable Blessings of Peace, which they now enjoy; and in the List of whose Fame the Name of *la Fayette* appears with distinguished Lustre. Convinced that his military Ardour resulted from a Regard to the Rights of Mankind, they shall ever hold him dear: And as a Subject of the King, their Ally, and a Citizen of that Nation whose Generosity and Friendship have been eminently displayed through an arduous War, his exalted Virtues will increase their Affection.—That Happiness may attend him, in every possible Situation, is their earnest Prayer to Heaven.

*Done at Providence, the 26th Day of October, A. D. 1784, and in the Ninth Year of Independence; and signed in Behalf of the Two Houses of Assembly.*

WILLIAM GREENE, Governor.

WILLIAM BRADFORD, Speaker.

*The Honorable the Marquis de la Fayette.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Draught of an Address be and the same is hereby approved: That the Secretary cause a fair Copy thereof to be made: That his Excellency the Governor and the Speaker of the Lower House be requested to sign the same in Behalf of this Assembly; and that his Honor the Deputy-Governor, *Welcome Arnold, John Fenckes, and Joseph Nightingale*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to present the same to the Marquis.

To which Address the Marquis *de la Fayette* returned the following Answer, *to wit*:

*His*

Answer from *His Excellency the Governor and Company of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, in General Assembly convened.*

the Marquis  
de la Fayette to  
the Address  
of the Gene-  
ral Assembly.

GENTLEMEN,

WHILE on this happy Period, the fond Hope of our trying Times, I heartily partake in the common Enjoyments, it is a lively Pleasure for me to visit this State, which, from the Sufferings and Exertions in the War, must peculiarly feel the Blessings of a glorious Peace.

IN the flattering Marks of your Approbation, you are pleased kindly to over-rate my Services, and have done Justice to my Sentiments. Upon that grateful Confidence in your Esteem, I presume to utter the Wishes of a Heart, one of the most sincere and affectionate that ever felt for *America*. May these rising States unite in every Measure, as they have united in their Struggles; and may their Wealth and Consequence, so much founded on fœderal Union, baffle the Calculations of Jealousy, and fulfil the enthusiastic Hopes of Patriotism.

DURING our Contest for Liberty, when my Nation so heartily joined her Sovereign in the noble Concerns, it hath been the Lot of the *French Army and Navy* to receive particular Favours in this State; for which they entertain an affectionate Sense of Gratitude.

To my respectful Acknowledgments for your Goodness to me, Gentlemen, permit me to add the Tribute of my zealous Wishes for the Prosperity of your State.

LA FAYETTE.

A. Hopkins

allowed £ 30

16 s. 11 d.

and W. Waterman and E.

Hopkins al-

lowed 18 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Waterman*, and *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, upon the Account of divers Persons, for Services done in suppressing the Riot in *Gloucester*, in December, A. D. 1782, to wit:

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, at *February* Session last, to examine the Account of the aforesaid Persons, do report, that the Sum of *Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Elevenpence* be allowed and paid to the several Persons therein named, agreeable to the Sums affixed against each Man's Name.

WILLIAM WATERMAN,

ESEK HOPKINS.

The State of *Rhode-Island* to *William Waterman* and *Esek Hopkins*, Dr.  
To our Time and Trouble, £ 0 18 0

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the Sums carried out against the Names of the respective Persons in the said Report be allowed to them: That the same be paid by the General-Treasurer, out of the next State Tax, to Mr. *Aja Hopkins*, who is hereby directed to pay each Individual his Proportion thereof; and that the Sum of *Eighteen Shillings* be allowed and paid to the said *William Waterman* and *Esek Hopkins* out of the General-Treasury, for their Service in settling the said Account.

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THE Petition of *John Anthony*, a disabled Soldier, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that an Allowance may be made him for his Half-Pay, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twelve Pounds Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Anthony*, out of the General-Treasury, for his Half-Pay, from the Twenty-fifth Day of *October*, A.D. 1783, to the First Day of *November*, A.D. 1784.

*J. Anthony*  
allowed £ 12  
4s.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that several Articles, consisting of Books and philosophical Apparatus, have been lately imported into this State, for the Use of *Providence* and *Dartmouth* Colleges, and that a Bell and Clock have also been imported for the Use of the *Baptist* Society in *Providence*: And Application having been made to this Assembly that the said Articles may be exempted from the Impost, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That no Impost shall be exacted on the aforesaid Articles; and that the Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, where the said Goods were imported, be and he is hereby directed to cancel any Bonds which he may have taken for securing the Impost on the said Articles, when the Amount of the Invoices are ascertained to him.

Books, Apparatus, &c. for *Rhode-Island* and *Dartmouth* Colleges, &c. exempted from the Impost.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Comfort Bishop*, a disabled Soldier, be allowed and paid the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for his Half-Pay, from the First of *January*, A.D. 1784, to the First of *January*, A.D. 1785.

*C. Bishop* allowed £ 12.

WHEREAS *Amy Allen* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that for Want of that parental Affection and Regard which is due and commonly manifested from Parents towards their Children, she when an Infant was abandoned and exposed to the Care and Nursing of a Woman, supposed to be her Mother, and held as a Slave in the Family in which she was found, who was induced to acknowledge her as her Child, to which those about her pretended to give Credit, contrary to the most striking and convincing Evidence; by which Means, in her helpless and infantile Years, she was exposed to the Education and Company of the black People, and to be bought and sold with her pretended Mother: That the Person who heretofore held her has lately suffered her to be at Liberty, but that some Weeks past, to her great Surprise, an Execution was served upon her as his Property, whereby she is in Danger of being deprived of that Liberty she has for some Time enjoyed, and which she is justly entitled to by the Laws of Nature, and by Birth: Whereupon she prayed this Assembly to take her distressed Case into Consideration, and pass such an Act as will protect her in that invaluable Privilege, personal Liberty, and that she may take the Family Name of *Allen*, in which she was found.

*A. Allen's* Petition granted.

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That this Petition be received and heard at the present Session; and that *Asa Hopkins*, at whose Suit the said *Amy* was served with the said Execution, and *Samuel Pitcher*, her supposed Master, be cited to appear immediately before this Assembly, to answer the same. And a full Enquiry being made into the Facts stated in the said Petition, *It*

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*is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Amy* is a white Person, and of course was born free : That therefore her being holden as a Slave is an unjust Deprivation of her natural Right to Freedom : That she be immediately, and she hereby is, restored to the free Exercise of all the Rights and Privileges belonging to the natural free-born Citizens of this State ; and that she be empowered to assume the Surname of *Allen*

General-  
Treasurer to  
give his Note  
to *J. Warner*  
for £56 19s.  
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WHEREAS it appears to this Assembly, by a Certificate from the General-Treasurer, that he hath given his Note of Hand for Fifty-six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence, Lawful Money, for the Wages due to *William Davis*, late a Fifer in this State's Continental Battalion, to *Thomas Lewis*, upon the said *Davis's* Order, which appears to be forged, as the said *Davis* was killed some Time before the Date of the said Order : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to give his Note, of the same Tenor and Date as that heretofore given to the said *Lewis*, to *John Warner*, Esq; the personal Representative of the said *Davis*; and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to advertise in the News-Papers the said Forgery, to prevent any Persons from purchasing the said Note.

*J. Manley* ap-  
pointed Au-  
ditor.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Manley* be and he is hereby appointed Auditor of Accounts for the State, during the present Session of this Assembly

*S. Elam's* Pe-  
tition grant-  
ed.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Elam*, of the City of *Leeds*, in the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, Merchant, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that *Gervas Elam*, late of *Newport*, was in his Lifetime seized and possessed of a certain Farm, containing One Hundred and Forty-two Acres, situate in the Town of *Portsmouth*, and also one other Farm, situate in the Town of *North-Kingstown*, containing Four Hundred and Thirty-six Acres : That the said *Gervas Elam* died intestate, whereupon the said Premises descended to and vested in *John Elam*, *Samuel Elam*, *Joseph Elam*, and *Emanuel Elam*, Brothers of the said *Gervas Elam*, and the Representatives of his Sisters *Elizabeth* and *Hannab*, deceased ; and that he hath been authorized and empowered, by the Heirs of the said Estate, to recover for their Use the Possession of the said Premises, and also the personal Estate, he having administered thereon : Whereupon he prayed this Assembly, in Behalf of the said Heirs, to be put into Possession of the said real Estate, and that the Rents which may have been received by this State, and all other Matters relating to said Estate, may be properly adjusted : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be granted : That the said Farms, therein described, be and the same are hereby surrendered up to the said *Samuel Elam*, for the Use and Benefit of the Heirs of the said *Gervas Elam*, deceased : That *Rouffe J. Helme*, Esq; and Messieurs *George Champlin* and *Daniel Mason*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain the Rents of the said Estates, which have been received by this State ; and that they make Report thereon to this Assembly.

*T. Arnold* al-  
lowed £ 45.

UPON the Petition of Capt. *Thomas Arnold*, a wounded Officer, late of the Continental Army, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that



that an Allowance might be made him for his Half-Pay, the following Report was made; *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Lower House of Assembly a Committee to take into Consideration the Petition of Capt. *Thomas Arnold*, do report, that he hath been settled with by the Continent for his Wages up to the Third of *November*, A. D. 1783, since which he has received nothing on Account of his Half-Pay, nor do we find any Resolve of Congress directing where the Officers are to apply for their Half-Pay, although Congress have declared that they are entitled thereto. It is the Opinion of your Committee, that the said *Thomas Arnold* have the Sum of *Forty-five Pounds* advanced him, which he is to account for, and to be refunded whenever Congress shall make Provision for the Payment of his Half-Pay; and that in the mean Time our Delegates be directed to use their Interest in Congress that such Provision be made. All which is submitted by your Honors most obedient humble Servants,

JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE,  
ARCHIBALD CRARY,  
PAUL ALLEN, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Sum of *Forty-five Pounds*, Lawful Money, be advanced to the said *Thomas Arnold* out of the General-Treasury, for which he is to be accountable; and that the Delegates of this State at Congress be directed to use their Influence in Congress, that Provision be made for the Payment of invalid Officers

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary cause a Copy of the Return of the military Stores, exhibited by Lieut. Col. *Flagg*, who has the Charge of the same, to be made, and forwarded to the Secretary of Congress; and that he inform the said Secretary, that the aforesaid Return contains an Account of all the public Stores, being the Property of the United States, within this State, that have come to the Knowledge of the Legislature.

THE Petition of the Town-Council of the Town of *North-Kings-town*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that an Allowance might be made the said Town for the Maintenance of *Margaret Boone*, and her two Children, who are sick, and unable to support themselves, and who received an Allowance from the Estate of the late *Samuel Boone*; which was confiscated; before the same was sold by this Assembly; being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid by the General-Treasurer, out of the next State Tax, to the Town-Council of the said Town, for the Support of the said *Margaret* and Children, for the Years 1783 and 1784.

WHEREAS in the Sale of *Indian Meal*, the same is sold by Weight, estimating Fifty Pounds weight to One Bushel, and the Price thereof regulated by that of Corn: And whereas a Bushel of Corn, when ground into Meal, after deducting the Toll, will weigh Fifty-four Pounds and upwards: *Wherefore be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by*

Return of military Stores to be sent to Congress.

Town-Council of North-Kings-town allowed £ 20.

Weight of Indian Meal ascertained.

by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That in the Sale of *Indian Meal* by Weight, the same shall be estimated at and after the Rate of Fifty-four Pounds weight per Bushel; and if any Person shall sell a less Number of Pounds of Meal for a Bushel, he or she shall forfeit *One Shilling* for every Pound weight that is deficient, to be recovered upon Complaint thereof before any Justice or Warden within this State, the One Half thereof to and for the Use of the Poor of the Town in which the same shall be sold, and the other Half to the Informer.

*T. West's* Petition granted.

WHEREAS *Timothy West*, of *Westerly*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, representing that he is now a close Prisoner in the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, for receiving stolen Goods; and that he hath been tried by the Superior Court, and suffered the corporal Part of the Sentence against him, and now stands committed for the Costs, which he is utterly unable to pay, having a Wife and three small Children to maintain; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to discharge him from Gaol, and remit the Costs: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be granted: That the said Costs of Prosecution and Conviction be and the same are hereby remitted, and that the said *Timothy West* be discharged from Gaol.

Rents of the late Governor *Wanton's* Estate to be paid to his Heirs.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at the last Session, released to some of the Heirs of the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; deceased, formerly Governor of this State, when a Colony, their Proportions or Shares of his Estate which had been confiscated to and for the Use of this State: And whereas *Benjamin Almy*, Esq; who hired the said Estate while it was confiscated, is indebted for Arrears of Rent, which ought to be paid to the said Heirs: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *William Bradford*, Esq; Attorney to the said Heirs, be and he is hereby empowered to receive the Lease or Leases of the said Estate, in order to recover the said Rents in Arrear, for the Use of the said Heirs; and that when recovered the same be paid to them accordingly.

*G. Gibbs* allowed £ 300.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, be advanced to Mr. *George Gibbs*, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of his Expenditures in repairing the State-House in the County of *Newport*, and that he account for the same

Report of the Committee upon the Sale of the *Point-Judith* Farm.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes*, *Archibald Crary*, *Jonathan Comstock*, and *Robert Stanton*, Esquires, and Mr. *Rowland Brown*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

AGREEABLE to the Appointment of the Honorable General Assembly, your Committee advertised the Farm on *Point-Judith* for Sale on the 13th Day of *October* inst. and met on the Premises, and sold said Farm in Lots, agreeable to the Plat, and herewith present the Account of Sales, amounting to *Ten Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds One Shilling and Tenpence Halfpenny*; all which is submitted to the Honorable the General Assembly:

JOHN JENCKES,  
ARCHIBALD CRARY,  
JONATHAN COMSTOCK,  
ROWLAND BROWN,  
ROBERT STANTON, } Committee.

The Lot No. 6 was struck off to *Natban Kinyon*.

Containing  $116\frac{1}{2}$  Acres.

Marsh,  $13\frac{1}{2}$  Ditto, and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th Part of an Acre.

$130$  Acres and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th, at £ 7 8 s.

per Acre,

£ 962 8 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

The Lot No. 5 was struck off to *John Cooke, Esq;*

Containing  $125\frac{1}{2}$  Acres.

Marsh,  $13\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th Part of an Acre.

$139$  Acres and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th, at £ 7 9 s.

per Acre,

1035 19 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

The Lot No. 4 was struck off to *John Cooke, Esq;*

Containing  $139$  Acres.

Marsh,  $13\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th Part of an Acre.

$152\frac{1}{2}$  Acres and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th, at £ 9 7 s.

per Acre,

1426 5 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

The Lot No. 3 was struck off to *Natban Kinyon*.

Containing  $243$  Acres.

Marsh,  $27$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th Part of an Acre.

$270$  Acres and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th, at £ 12 6 s.

per Acre,

3321 16 5

The Lot No. 2 was struck off to *William West, Esq;*

Containing  $200$  Acres.

Marsh,  $27$  Acres and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th Part of an Acre.

$227$  Acres and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th, at £ 7 10 s.

per Acre,

1703 6 5

The Lot No. 1 was struck off to *Natban Kinyon*.

Containing  $200$  Acres.

Marsh,  $27$  Acres and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th Part of an Acre.

$227$  Acres and  $\frac{1}{8}$ th, at £ 7 8 s. 6 d.

per Acre,

1686 5 11

£ 10136 1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

THE Petition of *Samuel Barber, jun.* now a Prisoner in the Gaol in *S. Barber, South-Kingstown*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that he may be allowed to pay a Fine of *Twenty Pounds* due to the State, which he is now confined for, in Treasurer's Notes; being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Samuel Barber* be empowered to discharge his Fine, by paying the Amount thereof in the Securities issued by the General-Treasurer of this State, provided he pay the Costs of Prosecution and Conviction, and Prison Fees, in Specie.

Petition of C.  
Tweedy and  
others refer-  
red.

WHEREAS Mrs. Catharine Tweedy; Mr. Abraham Redwood, jun. and Susannah his Wife, all of the City and County of Newport, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that their honored Father, James Honeyman, Esq; late of said Newport, deceased, gave unto them and their two Sisters, Elizabeth Wanton, and Penelope Bissett, several Estates, as Tenants in common, to be equally divided between them: And that Information was filed against the Two Quarter Parts thereof, belonging to the said Elizabeth Wanton, and Penelope Bissett, upon a Law of this State, declaring the Estates of certain Persons therein described forfeit, which was accordingly condemned to and for the Use of this State, after the Time affixed by the Preliminary Articles of Peace, for the Cessation of Hostilities between Great-Britain and these States to take Place in America, in which it is expressly declared no further Confiscation should take Place: Whereupon they prayed this Assembly to relinquish all Claim and Demand against the said Estates, and that the same may be restored and divided between the Petitioners and the said Penelope Bissett, according to Law: Which being duly considered, *it is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. Daniel Mason, Mr. Paul Allen, the Attorney-General, Rouse J. Helme, and James M. Varnum, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition; and that they report thereon to this Assembly as soon as may be

W. Ellery  
allowed £ 2  
5 s. 11 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Two Pounds Five Shillings and Elevenpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to William Ellery, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, as Executor to the Estate of Nathaniel Carey, Esq; deceased, for Provisions by him furnished the Captain-General's Cavaliers, upon the Alarm in August, A.D. 1780.

Allowance

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of One Pound Seven Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed Archibald Cray, Esq; the Sum of Eighteen Shillings be allowed to Robert Stanton, Esq; the Sum of One Pound Seven Shillings be allowed to Jonathan Comstock, Esq; the Sum of One Pound Seven Shillings be allowed to John Jencks, Esq; and the Sum of Six Shillings be allowed to Mr. Rozeland Brown; and that the same be paid out of the General-Treasury, in full for their Time, Trouble and Expences, in selling the Point-Judith Farm.

R. Smith and  
J. Bliven's  
Petition re-  
ferred.

THE Petition of Mr. Royzell Smith, formerly of Jamestown, and Mr. James Bliven, of Newport, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that a Committee may be appointed to estimate the Damages they sustained during the Time they hired the Hutchinson and Wanton Farms (so called) of the State; and that the Execution obtained against them by the State, for the Rent of the said Farms, may be stayed; being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General, and Mr. George Champlin, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Facts set forth in said Petition; and that they report what Deductions (if any) shall be made from the Judgment obtained against them.

P. Taber  
allowed £ 10  
16 s. 11 d.

THE Account of Mr. Philip Taber, exhibited unto this Assembly, for the Storage, Carting, &c. of a Quantity of Iron and Flour, landed at Acoset, in the Year 1777, together with the Certificate of Daniel Tillinghast,

*Tillinghast*, Esq; thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Elevenpence*, which appears to be due thereon, with Interest from *August*, A.D. 1777, be paid by the General-Treasurer, out of the next State Tax, to the said *Philip Taber*.

IN Council was read a Return of the Choice of Officers to command the *Gloucester* Light-Infantry Company, who are as followeth, *to wit*: *Gloucester* Light-Infantry Company. *Elijah Armstrong*, Captain; *Ephraim Brown*, First Lieutenant; *Stephen Cooper*, Second Lieutenant; and *Elisba Brown*, Ensign: Which Appointment being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and is hereby approved.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act of this General Assembly, empowering Twenty-one Members of the Lower House, and Five Members of the Upper House, to transact Business, and declaring that Number competent to exercise the Powers of Legislation, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that in future it shall be necessary that there be a Majority of the Members of the Lower House, and Seven Members of the Upper House, present (the Governor or Deputy-Governor being one) to make and constitute a General Assembly. The Number of Members necessary to constitute a General Assembly.

THE Petition of *Joseph Tanner*, of *Hopkinton*, late a Soldier in the Continental Army, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that he might be paid the Bounty that still remains due unto him, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Archibald Crary*, and *Robert Stanton*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition; and that they report thereon to this Assembly, as soon as may be. *J. Tanner's* Petition referred.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Amelia King*, of *Newport*, Widow, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that she had two Orders from *Benoni Taylor*, an invalid Soldier, for boarding him several Months, for the Sum of *Twenty Pounds and Sevenpence*, Lawful Money, on *Theodore Foster*, Esq; his Attorney, to be paid out of the Pension allowed the said *Taylor* by Congress: And that by the Law of the State Payment cannot be obtained, without a personal Application of the said *Taylor*, who hath been some Time absent at Sea: Therefore she prayed this Assembly, to enable the said *Theodore Foster* to receive what Money is now due to the said *Benoni Taylor* for his Pension, that the said Orders in her Favour may be paid, so far as what is due unto him will discharge the same: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Theodore Foster*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury all the Wages due unto the said *Benoni Taylor*, until the Time that he sailed from *Newport*, and pay the same to the said *Amelia King*. *A. King's* Petition granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Brenton*, of *Newport*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he had a Quantity of Stock driven off the Island of *Rhode-Island*, in the Year 1776, when the *British* Troops took Possession of the same; that he lodged his Account with one of the Committee appointed to take an Estimate of the Stock then driven off the said Island, which by some Mistake was mislaid; and thereupon *B. Brenton's* Petition referred.

thereupon prayed this Assembly to empower the said Committee to take the same into Consideration: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Richmond, Stephen Potter, and Thomas Holden*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the same; and that they report thereon as soon as may be.

*I. Smith* allowed £ 5. THE Account of Mr. *Ichabod Smith*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for maintaining divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the State, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Five Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Ichabod Smith* out of the General-Treasury, in full of said Account.

*W. Vernon* allowed £ 41 18 s. 4 d. A CERTIFICATE given by the General-Treasurer unto *William Vernon*, Esq; for *One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds*, Continental Money, in *March*, A. D. 1778, for a Slave, who enlisted into this State's Continental Battalions, exhibited unto this Assembly, and the Report of the Auditor thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted, and the Sum found due thereon, including Interest, being *Forty-one Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fourpence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Vernon*, by the General-Treasurer, out of the next State Tax.

*S. Wanton's* Petition referred. UPON the Petition of Mrs. *Sarah Wanton*, Widow of *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; late of *Newport*, deceased, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that she might have her Right of Dower in the Estate of her late Husband, which has been confiscated by this State; and that her Son, an Infant of six Years old, may have the Fee-simple of all the remaining Estate not yet disposed of given him: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Daniel Mason, Esq; Hopkins, Rouse J. Helme, Nathan Miller, and Benjamin Arnold*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition; and that they report to this Assembly, as soon as may be, what in Justice ought to be done.

*G. Davenport* allowed £ 43 14 s. 4 d. A CERTIFICATE given Mr. *Gideon Davenport*, for *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, Continental Money, by the Committee appointed to ascertain the Value of Slaves, in *May*, A. D. 1778, who enlisted into this State's Continental Battalions, exhibited unto this Assembly, and the Auditor's Report thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted, and that *Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Fourpence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, being the Sum found due thereon, including Interest, be allowed and paid the said *Gideon Davenport*, by the General-Treasurer, out of the next State Tax.

Report of the Committee upon *T. Banister's Farm.* WHEREAS Mr. *George Champlin, Rouse J. Helme, and William Channing*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the Honorable General Assembly to enquire into the Incumbrances upon the real

real Estate late belonging to Mr. *Thomas Bannister*, lying in *Middle-town*, in the County of *Newport*, which was confiscated to and for the Use of this State, find that the Mortgage due unto the Messieurs *Freebody's* amounts to *Five Pounds Nine Shillings and Tenpence One Farthing* upon an Acre : That Mr. *John Tillinghast*, deceased, had a Mortgage upon the said Estate, dated the Seventeenth Day of *February*, A. D. 1776, for *Sixteen Hundred and Eighty-seven Dollars and Five Eighths of a Dollar*, together with a Note of Hand for *One Hundred Dollars and Three Quarters of a Dollar*, which amounts to *Five Pounds Four Shillings per Acre*, making in the whole *Ten Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Tenpence One Farthing* upon an Acre, which we imagine is the Worth of the Land.

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,  
ROUSE J. HELME,  
WILLIAM CHANNING, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Townsend*, Treasurer of the City of *Newport*, City of *New-* exhibited unto this Assembly Nineteen Notes of Hand, given by *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, in the Year 1771, amounting to *£. 177 15 s. 3 1/2*. *Eighty-four Pounds Three Shillings and Fourpence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money : And the Auditor's Report thereon being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Threepence One Farthing*, Lawful Money, being the Amount of the said Notes, with the Interest thereon, be allowed and paid by the General-Treasurer, out of the next State Tax, to the Treasurer of the City of *Newport* :

WHEREAS *Rouse J. Helme*, Esq; and Mr. *Paul Allen*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts of Mr. *Samuel Pitcher*, formerly Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, for boarding poor Prisoners, committed for Offences against the State, do find that the Sum of *Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Tenpence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, is justly due unto the said *Samuel Pitcher* ; which is submitted by your obedient Servants,

ROUSE J. HELME,  
PAUL ALLEN, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Tenpence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto the said *Samuel Pitcher*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer of this State, be and he is hereby directed to issue his Warrants of Distraint against the Town-Treasurer of each Town within the State, which shall at the Expiration of Thirty Days from the Rising of this Assembly against all

Report of R.  
J. Helme and  
P. Allen upon  
S. Pitcher's  
Accounts,  
and he allowed  
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General-  
Treasurer to  
issue War-  
rants of Dis-  
traint, in  
Thirty Days,  
against all

Towns de- Assembly be deficient in any Taxes assessed upon them; and that the  
ficient in said Warrants be made returnable in Ten Days from the Date.  
Taxes.

Clerk of the WHEREAS the General-Treasurer of the State hath certified to this  
Inferior Assembly, that the Town of *South-Kingstown* was, on the Sixteenth  
Court of Day of *October* inst. deficient in the State Tax of *January*, A.D. 1782,  
of *Washington* *Eight Hundred and Eighty Pounds Eight Shillings and Ninepence Three Far-*  
County to *things*, Lawful Money, and in the Continental Tax of *June*, A.D. 1782,  
issue Execu- *Seven Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds Nine Shillings and One Farthing*,  
tion against Lawful Money: And whereas a Judgment of Court is obtained by De-  
*R. Gardner*, fault against *Richard Gardner*, the Collector of said Taxes, in the Name  
Collector of of the Treasurer of the said Town, for the said Deficiency: Wherefore,  
Taxes for *S. Kingstown*. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Inferior Court for the  
County of *Washington* enter up Judgment for the afore said Sums, and  
immediately issue an Execution for the same, agreeable to Law.

Delegates to *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Delegates representing this State  
solicit Pay- in Congress, at their next Sitting, be and they are hereby authorized  
ment for the and empowered to settle with the Commissioner that is or may be  
Nine Months appointed by Congress, for the Pay due from the United States to the  
Men. short Levies, or Nine Months Men, raised in this State for the Year  
1781: That the said Delegates, or either of them, be and they are  
hereby empowered to receive the Monies or Securities which shall be  
ordered by Congress in Payment of the Balances which may be due  
to the said new Levies; and when received, that the said Delegates be  
and they are hereby directed to transmit the same to the General-  
Treasurer of this State, in order that it may be paid to the respective  
Individuals.

*W. Nichols* WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, that *William*  
disqualified Nichols, of *West-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, and President of the  
from electing Town-Council of the said Town of *West-Greenwich*, hath conducted  
or being himself in a seditious Manner, and in Violation of his Allegiance and  
elected. Fidelity to this State; and the same having been fully proved to this  
Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved, unanimously*, That the said *William*  
*Nichols* be dismissed from his Office, as President of the said Town-  
Council of *West-Greenwich*; and that he be and hereby is declared for-  
ever hereafter disqualified from electing, or being elected, to any  
Office, civil or military, within this State

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Town-Clerk of  
the said Town of *West-Greenwich* be and he is hereby empowered to  
issue his Warrant, for convening the Freemen of the said Town in  
Town-Meeting as soon as may be, for making Choice of a President  
of the said Council, to serve the Remainder of the present Year.

*Witness my hand and the Seal of the State, at the City of New York, this 10th Day of October, 1784.*



An A C T to incorporate certain Persons, by the Name of the *Catholic Congregational Society*, in the Town and County of *Bristol*, in this State.

Act incor-  
porating the  
Catholic Con-  
gregational  
Society in  
Bristol.

WHEREAS divers Persons have petitioned this Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, whereby they may be enabled to promote certain Purposes herein after mentioned: *Therefore be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted,* That the Honorable William Bradford, Esq; Nathaniel Fales, John Howland, Daniel Bradford, and Joseph Reynolds, Esquires, Jonathan Peck, Richard Smith, John Waldron, Jeremiah Diman, Benjamin Bosworth, John May, John Howland, jun. Stephen Wardwell, Peter Church, John Gladding, jun. Loring Peck, Samuel Oxx, Josiah Smith, Jonathan Russell, Benjamin Wardwell, Jonathan Diman, Joseph Wardwell, Shearjashub Bourne, Thomas Diman, Samuel Royal Pain, Samuel Bosworth, John Howland (the 3d) Daniel Gladding, Jonathan Fales, Thomas Fales, Thomas Pearse, James Allen, William Lawless, Samuel Gladding, Daniel Le Favour, William Coggeshall, Samuel Smith, John Norris, Aaron Bourne, Isaac Wardwell, Thomas Swan, William Fales, Moses Van Doorn, William Lindsey, Nathaniel Waldron, sen. Richard Smith, jun. John Gladding (the 3d) Charles De Wolfe, John De Wolfe, Jeremiah Ingraham, Jeremiah Finney, William Throope, George Reynolds, Nicholas Peck, Jonathan Glover, Samuel Viall Peck, Thomas Peck, Timothy Fales, Joseph Reynolds, jun. Nathaniel Smith, Solomon Drown, Ephraim Cary, Stephen Talbee, Simeon Munro, Archibald Munro, Newton Waldron, Samuel Wardwell, Stephen Smith, Nathaniel Waldron, jun. and John Fales, together with such others as they shall elect from Time to Time, shall be forever hereafter a Body corporate and politic, in Fact and Name, by the Name of *The Catholic Congregational Society*, in the Town and County of *Bristol*, in the State aforesaid, for the Purpose of raising a Fund, by free and voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, for the Support of public Worship in the *Congregational Society* in the Town of *Bristol* aforesaid, of which the Reverend John Burt was the late Pastor. And the said *Catholic Society* is hereby empowered to take, receive and hold, all and any voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, of any Sum or Sums of Money, or of any real or personal Estate; and also to have, possess or acquire, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Goods and Chattels whatsoever, and the same to lett, lease, grant, demise, aliene, bargain, sell, convey and dispose of, by Deed or Deeds, under their Seal, at their own Will and Pleasure; and shall and may be Persons capable in Law, as a Body corporate, to sue and be sued, to plead and to be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and to be defended against, in all Courts and Places, and before all proper Judges whatsoever, in all and singular Suit and Suits, Causes and Actions, of what Kind soever, in the fullest and amplest Manner. And if it shall happen that the said *Catholic Society* shall become seized of Lands or Tenements by Mortgage, as Security for Payment of any Debt or Debts, or by levying Execution on Lands or Tenements for discharging any Debt or Debts that shall be due to the said *Catholic Society*, it shall be lawful for them, by Deed under their Seal, to sell and convey the Lands and Tenements acquired by either of the said two mentioned Ways.

AND

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be a Meeting of the said Catholic Society, in the said Town of Bristol, on the First Monday in March, yearly forever; at which Time, for the better ordering and managing the Affairs of the said Catholic Society, they shall, out of their own Body politic, by a Majority of the Members present, elect a President, a Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other Officers as they shall judge needful; and all Officers chosen as aforesaid shall, before they are qualified to act, be sworn to the faithful Performance of their respective Trusts.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be a Meeting of the said Catholic Society, at Bristol aforesaid, on the First Mondays in June, September and December, in every Year, and oftener, when and where they shall think needful and fit.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Catholic Society shall have a common Seal, which it shall be lawful for them to alter, change, break, and make new at Pleasure; and that the said Catholic Society, by the Name aforesaid, and their Successors, shall have perpetual Succession.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That the aforesaid William Bradford be the First President, the aforesaid Nathaniel Fales the First Vice-President, the aforesaid Benjamin Bosworth the First Treasurer, and the aforesaid John Waldron the First Secretary, of the said Catholic Society, to continue in their respective Offices until the First Monday in March next.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Donations to the said Catholic Society, by voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy or otherwise (excepting such as shall be differently appropriated by the Donors) shall make a Part of and be put into the capital Stock or Fund of the said Catholic Society, and shall be put out on Interest on good Security for one Year, or otherwise improved to the best Advantage; and the Income or Profits thereof shall solely be applied and appropriated to the Support of public Worship in the aforesaid Catholic Society, until the Interest shall exceed the Sum said Society shall deem sufficient for the Support of the Pastor thereof; the Overplus to be appropriated to such other Use as a Majority of the said Catholic Society shall order and determine, at any regular stated Meeting.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Catholic Society, at any of their Meetings, may elect into their Body such Persons as they shall judge proper, and may appoint a Committee or Committees to prosecute the Orders of the said Catholic Society, audit the Treasurer's Accounts, and prepare Matters for the Society to act upon; and that the said Catholic Society shall have, and there is hereby granted unto them, at any of their stated Meetings, full Power to make such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, and to alter the same, as they shall judge needful for the better Government of the said Catholic Society, provided that such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, be not repugnant to the Laws of this State, or the Design of their Institution.*

*AND*

AND be it further Enacted, That any Nine of the Members (the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, always to be one) being convened at any regular Time of Meeting, are hereby declared to be a Quorum of said Society.

AND to the End that the Members of the said *Catholic Society*, and all Contributors thereto, may know the State of their Stock, and the Disposition of the Profits thereof, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a particular Account of such Stock and Disposition shall be exhibited by the Treasurer, at every Quarterly Meeting, and be examined by a Committee of the said *Catholic Society*, who upon finding it to be true shall certify the same in Writing under their Hands; and fair Entries shall be made, in proper Books provided for the Purpose, of all Donations, Legacies, Subscriptions and Contributions, made to the said *Catholic Society*, and of all Estates, both real and personal, belonging to them, and of the Income thereof, and also of all their Transactions, either by themselves or by their Officers or Committees, for and on Account of the said *Catholic Society*; and the said Books shall be brought to every of the said Quarterly Meetings, and shall be there opened for the Perusal and Examination of the Members of the said *Catholic Society*.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if ever there shall be a less Number than Nine belonging to the said *Catholic Society*, then all Monies, Bonds, Mortgages, Deeds, Notes, Obligations, Books and Papers of every Kind, together with all the Estate both real and personal whatsoever at that Time belonging to the said *Catholic Society*, shall be given up to, and the sole Property thereof be vested in, the *Congregational Society* aforesaid, for whose Use and Benefit the said *Catholic Society* is instituted, to be lodged in the Hands of any one or more Persons, whom a Majority of that Society shall appoint to receive the same.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Part of this Act shall be construed or understood to grant any Power or Powers to the said *Catholic Society* to raise any Sum or Sums of Money, for the Purposes aforesaid, any otherwise than by free and voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy or Donation.



WHEREAS *Thomas Welts*, and *William Hammond*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Account and Report, to wit: Report upon R. Smith's Account.

Mr. Royzel Smith to the State of Rhode-Island, &c.		Dr.
1782. } To the Rent of the Point-Judith Farm	£ 90 0 0	
March 25. } One Year, from the 25th of March,		
	A. D. 1781, to the 25th of March,	
	A. D. 1782,	
	To the Rent of said Farm from the 25th	90 0 0
	of March, A. D. 1782, to the 25th of	
	March, A. D. 1783,	
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		£ 180 0 0
E		Creditor,

## Creditor,

1782.	} By making 150 Rods of Stone-Wall.	£ 90 0 0
March 25.		
1784.	} By an Order on <i>Caleb Gardner</i> ,	22 10 0
Sept.		
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		112 10 0
Balance due to the State,		67 10 0
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		£ 180 0 0

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to examine into the Taxes that *William W. Pollock* had against *Royzel Smith* for the *Sewall Farm* (so called) and also to settle with said *Royzel Smith* for the Rent of said Farm, beg Leave to report, that we find the said *Royzel Smith* hath overpaid the said *William W. Pollock*, Three Pounds One Shilling and Tenpence One Farthing, Lawful Money, more than all the Taxes, Fees, &c., which he had against the said Farm, exclusive of the Order which was allowed by this General Assembly to the said *William W. Pollock*, of Eighty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Ninepence Three Farthings, Lawful Money; and have also settled with the said *Royzel Smith* for the Rent of said Farm, and find a Balance due from him to this State of Sixty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings, Lawful Money. All which is humbly submitted by

THOMAS WELLS, } Committee.  
WILLIAM HAMMOND, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said *Royzel Smith* pay the said Balance of Sixty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings into the General-Treasury.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William W. Pollock* pay the said Sum of Eighty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Ninepence Three Farthings, Lawful Money, with the Interest thereon, from the Time that Sum was allowed him as Part of the Taxes committed to him to collect, into the General-Treasury, within One Month from the Rising thereof: and, upon Failure, that the Attorney-General prosecute him for the same, at the next succeeding Inferior Court of Common Pleas that shall sit in this State.

*D. Howell*  
to go to Con-  
greis.

WHEREAS *John Brown*, Esq; one of the Delegates of this State, who was requested to proceed to Congress at their next Adjournment, hath informed this Assembly, that it will be extremely inconvenient to him to attend: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *David Howell*, Esq; be and he is hereby requested to proceed, with *William Ellery*, Esq; to Congress, as soon as possible.

Grant to W. *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Ellery* and *Ellery* and *D. David Howell* each receive the Sum of Ninety Pounds, Lawful Money, immediately out of the General-Treasury, to enable them to defray their Expenses.

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THE Account of *Thomas Wells*, and *William Hammond*, Esquires, exhibited unto this Assembly, for their Time and Expences in examining and settling the Accounts of *Reyzel Smith*, respecting the *Poin-Judith Farm*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Thomas Wells* and *William Hammond* each be allowed and paid the Sum of *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Wells* and  
*W. Hammond*  
each allowed  
£ 1 16s.

WHEREAS *Mr. George Champlin*, *Rouje J. Helme*, and *George Hazard*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report upon  
Bills of Ex-  
change of *S.*  
*Ayrault*, and  
he allowed  
£ 235 6s. 1d.

WE the Subscribers, agreeable to our Appointment, have examined into the Circumstances respecting the Bills of Exchange drawn by *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, the Twenty-ninth Day of *March*, 1765, in Favour of *Thomas Freebody*, *Daniel Ayrault*, and *Stephen Ayrault*, for the Sum of *Eighty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence*, Sterling Money, do report, that we find the State hath been credited by the General-Treasurer for the said Sum of *Eighty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence*, at the Time the said Bills were drawn; and that the said Sum is now due to the Holders of said Bills, which they ought to receive, with Interest, out of the General-Treasury.

*GEORGE CHAMPLIN,*  
*ROUSE J. HELME,* } Committee.  
*GEORGE HAZARD,*

Oct. 13, 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Sum of *Two Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds Six Shillings and One Penny*, Lawful Money, being the Amount of the said Bills, with simple Interest, be allowed and paid the said *Stephen Ayrault*, the present Holder of said Bills, by the General-Treasurer, out of the next State Tax, with Interest thereon until paid.

UPON the Account of *Mr. Peleg Peckham*, jun., a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *Washington*, for the Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, of himself and Aid, in going to *Stonington*, by Order of the Superior Court, &c. after *David Moore*, charged with counterfeiting Money, the following Report was made, to wit :

AGREEABLE to our Appointment, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to examine the Account of the said *Peleg Peckham*, we do report, that we find due thereon the Sum of *Eight Pounds Two Shillings*, Lawful Money, which is in full for the same; by your humble Servants,

*ROWLAND BROWN,* } Committee.  
*PAUL ALLEN,*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Eight Pounds Two Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Peleg Peckham* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

Report upon the Petition of *J. Parker*, and *J. Wilcox*, and *S. Mumford* allowed £16, and *R. J. Helme* £2 4s. 8d.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes*, and *Ezek Hopkins*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

THE Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable the General-Assembly, to ascertain what was due to the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of *South-Kingstown*, for maintaining a Bastard Child, begotten on the Body of *Sarah Mumford*, by *Samuel Knowles*, for the Support of which and for indemnifying the said Town of *South-Kingstown* from Cofts, *James Parker* and *Jeffery Wilcox* gave Bond, do report, that we are of Opinion, that there is justly due to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Town *Sixteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, and Cofts of Court, amounting to *Two Pounds Four Shillings and Eightpence*; and that they have an Order on the General-Treasurer for the same, as Part of the Money received of the Estate of the said *Samuel Knowles*.

JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.  
EZEK HOPKINS, }

£ 16 0 0  
2 4 8 Coft.  
————— £ 18 4 8

Providence, Oct. 29, 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Sum of *Sixteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Sarah Mumford*, the Mother of the said Bastard Child, in full Satisfaction and Discharge of the aforesaid Bond; and that the Sum of *Two Pounds Four Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, be also paid out of the General-Treasury unto *Rouse J. Helme*, Esq; the Attorney, for the Cofts in said Action

*N. Cushing* allowed 18s. THE Account of Mr. *Nathaniel Cushing*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services as Clerk to the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of this State's Brigade, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Cushing* out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Hazard* allowed £38 15s. 3d. A CERTIFICATE given by the General-Treasurer unto Mr. *Robert Hazard*, for *One Hundred Pounds*, Continental Money, in *March*, A. D. 1778, for a Slave, who inlisted into this State's Continental Battalions, exhibited unto this Assembly, and the Report of the Auditor thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Sum of *Thirty-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money, being the Amount found due thereon, be paid to Mrs. *Alice Hazard*, the Administratrix on the said *Robert Hazard*'s Estate, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Tew* allowed £9 13s. 0s. UPON the Account of Mr. *Thomas Tew*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for maintaining divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the State, &c. the following Report was made, *to wit* :

IN Obedience to our Appointment by the Honorable the General Assembly, to examine the Account of Mr. *Thomas Tew*, we do report, that the Sum of *Nine Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, is due thereon. Which is submitted by your Honors most obedient Servants,

PAUL ALLEN,  
ROBERT STANTON, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Nine Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Tew* out of the General-Treasury.

THE Account of *Daniel Cooke*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services in bringing forward the public Records in the Secretary's Office, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed; and that the Balance due thereon, being *Fourteen Pounds One Shilling and Fourpence*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Daniel Cooke* out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Cooke*  
allowed £ 14  
11. 4 d.

WHEREAS the City of *Newport* is entirely destitute of Cannon and Ordnance Stores, whereby many foreign Vessels come into the Harbour of *Newport*, receiving all the Advantages of the Light-House, and Protection of the said Harbour, without contributing to the Support of the said Light: Wherefore *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Caleb Gardner*, Esq; and Mr. *George Champlin*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to remove to *Goat-Island*, within the said City of *Newport*, such a Number of Cannon and Ordnance Stores, as will place the Fort on said Island in some Degree of Respectability: That they procure an Ensign and Pendant, with the proper Apparatus for displaying the same, and make such necessary Repairs upon the Barracks there as will render them fit to receive the Persons who are to have the Care of said Fort; and that they devise Ways and Means for the future Support of the said Fort, and lay their Accounts, with their Report, before this Assembly, at the next Session.

*C. Gardner*  
and *G. Cham-*  
plin\* to place  
Cannon on  
*Goat-Island*;  
&c.

UPON Major-General *Baron Stuben*'s Letter to his Excellency the Governor, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly are highly sensible of the Advantages derived to the United States by that Spirit and Order of Discipline which he introduced and successfully carried into Practice, and which greatly contributed to the Success of our Armies: That we confide in the Honor and Justice of Congress, and particularly in the Attention of the Delegates of this State, that the high Merits, peculiar Circumstances, and honorable Principles, upon which the *Baron Stuben* entered into the Service of the United States, will be, if they have not yet been, generously attended to: But that of this Subject Congress, when assembled, must alone be the most competent, and are certainly the only constitutional Judges; and that this Resolution be communicated by his Excellency the Governor to the Delegates for this State.

Resolution  
upon *Baron*  
*Stuben*'s Letter.

R. Smith pro-  
tected from  
Arrests.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Person of Mr. *Royzel Smith* be and is hereby further protected from Arrests, until the End of the next Session of this General Assembly: That *Thomas Wells*, and *Williams Hammond*, Esquires, be continued a Committee, to make a final Settlement between this State and the said *Royzel Smith*; and that they take such Securities, for the Sum due from him, as they may judge to be good; and deliver the same to the General-Treasurer.

R. Harris's  
Petition  
granted.

THE Petition of Mr. *Rufus Harris*, of *Smithfield*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that he might be permitted to discharge a Note, which he gave the General-Treasurer of this State, for the Sum of *Eighty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, by delivering unto the said General-Treasurer the said Sum in consolidated Notes of this State, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *Rufus Harris's* delivering unto the General-Treasurer any of the consolidated Notes of this State, issued by the said Treasurer, to the Amount of the said Note which is against him, then the said Note shall be delivered up to the said *Rufus Harris*, and he discharged therefrom.

D. Manton  
allowed £ 12  
16.

WHEREAS *Daniel Manton*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Sixty-four Posts furnished for the Parade, before the Court-House in the County of *Providence*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel Manton* out of the General-Treasury.

B. Waite al-  
lowed £ 3 7.

UPON the Account of Mr. *Beriah Waite*, a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *Washington*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for summoning and apprehending divers Persons, by Order of the Judges of the Superior and Inferior Courts, the following Report was made, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Account of Mr. *Beriah Waite*, do report, that we find due thereon the Sum of *Three Pounds Seven Shillings*, Lawful Money. Which is submitted by your most obedient Servants,

ROWLAND BROWN,  
BENJAMIN TILLINGHAST, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Three Pounds Seven Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Beriah Waite* out of the General-Treasury.

Report upon  
the Account  
of E. Bowen,  
jun and he  
allowed £ 84  
4. 3d.

UPON the Account of *Ephraim Bowen*, jun. Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, for repairing the Court-House and Gaol in said County, and Blankets furnished for the Use of the Gaol, &c. exhibited unto this Assembly, the following Report was made, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to examine the Account of *Ephraim Bowen*, jun. Esq; do report, that we have carefully compared the same with the Vouchers, and find justly due thereon the Sum of *Eighty-four Pounds Four Shillings*



*lings and Threepence, Lawful Money. Which is submitted by your humble Servants,*

CALEB GARDNER, } Committee.  
JOHN WEEDEN, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Eighty-four Pounds Four Shillings and Threepence, Lawful Money*, be allowed and paid the said *Ephraim Bowen, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Gentlemen who were appointed Referrees, with the Consent of Parties, by this Assembly, to determine the Controversy subsisting between Mr. *Samuel Sweet*, on the one Part, and *Simon Potter, Metcalf Bowler*, and the late *Joseph Wanton, jun.* Esquires, on the other Part, have reported thereon, and a Judgment of the Superior Court has been entered up thereon against the said *Simon Potter*, and *Metcalf Bowler*, for the Sum of *Seventeen Hundred and Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings, Lawful Money*: And whereas the late *Joseph Wanton, jun.* was equally interested in the said Dispute with the said *Simon Potter*, and *Metcalf Bowler*, and his Estate, which has been confiscated to and for the Use of this State, ought to contribute to the Payment of One Third Part of the said Judgment: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, by and with the Consent of the said *Samuel Sweet, Simon Potter*, and *Metcalf Bowler*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed, to give his Note to the said *Samuel Sweet*, for the said Sum of *Five Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings, Lawful Money*, being the Amount of One Third Part of the said Judgment, payable on Demand, with Interest; and that the said *Simon Potter*, and *Metcalf Bowler*, be and they are hereby exonerated and discharged from the Payment of the said One Third Part of said Judgment.

A PAY Abstract of a Serjeant's Guard, commanded by Mr. *Royal Pay Abstract Smith*, stationed at *Point-Judith* in the Months of *October and November*, A.D. 1781, exhibited unto this Assembly, together with the Auditor's Certificate thereon, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Forty-two Pounds Eighteen Shillings, Lawful Money*, be allowed and paid by the General-Treasurer, out of the next State-Tax: That *Thomas Rumrill, Esq;* make out Certificates, in the Names of the Persons mentioned in the said Abstract, for the Sums due to them respectively; and that he deliver the said Certificates to the Individuals, or their Order.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Matthew Manchester, Freeman Lincoln*, and *Henry Larned*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, and represented, that in the Year 1781 they contracted for and furnished Three Brigades of Ox-Teams for the Use of the Army, for the Campaign of that Year, for which they have received but a small Part of their Pay; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to order Provision made for the Payment of what now remains due to them: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jencks*, and *Ezek Hopkins*, Esquires, be

The Proposition of *J. Wanton, jun.* of a Judgment obtained against him and others by *S. Sweet*, to be paid, amounting to £567 18s.

Pay Abstract of a Serjeant's Guard allowed, £42 18s.

The Petition of *M. Manchester, F. Lincoln*, and *H. Larned*, referred.

be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to ascertain the Sums due on the said Contract, and report thereon to this Assembly at the next Session.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Delegates of this State be and they are hereby instructed, to use their Influence to procure a Resolution of Congress, allowing an Appropriation of the Monies ordered by this Assembly at the last Session to be raised for the Use of the United States, in Payment of the Balances due on said Contract.

*H. Rice*  
allowed £ 38  
7<sup>1</sup>. THE Account of Mr. Henry Rice, exhibited unto this Assembly, for an Entertainment ordered by the General Assembly on the Arrival in Providence of the Honorable Major-General the Marquis de la Fayette, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Thirty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said Henry Rice out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Brown, E. Thompson, and R. J. Helme's*  
Report upon  
*S. Talbot's*  
Account, and  
he allowed  
£43 8<sup>1</sup>. 8<sup>1</sup>. WHEREAS John Brown, Ebenezer Thompson, and Rouse J. Helme, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Account of Silas Talbot, Esq; during the Time he was Collector of Excise and Impost for the County of Providence, and having examined the same, together with the Bonds remaining in his Office, find that several Persons paid Duties and Excise to the Amount of *Seven Pounds Six Shillings and Ninepence One Farthing*: That the Bonds remaining in the Office are mostly discharged by the Goods being exported, and that the Remainder cannot be collected without great Difficulty: Do report, as our Opinion, that all the Bonds be cancelled: That the Duties which he collected be refunded to the Individuals who paid the same, by said Silas Talbot; and that the Sum of *Forty-three Pounds Eight Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said Silas Talbot, out of the General Treasury, in full Satisfaction for his Time and Expences while he was Collector as aforesaid. Which is submitted by your most humble Servants,

JOHN BROWN,  
EBENEZER THOMPSON, } Committee.  
ROUSE J. HELME,

February 26, 1784.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Forty-three Pounds Eight Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid by the General-Treasurer to the said Silas Talbot, out of the next State Tax.

*C. Gardner*  
allowed £<sup>1</sup>  
12<sup>1</sup>. 5<sup>1</sup>. THE Account of Mr. Christopher Gardner, jun. a Constable in the Town of South-Kingstown, for summoning divers Persons, and attending upon the Committee appointed to adjust the Accounts of William W. Pollock, and Royzel Smith, exhibited unto this Assembly, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Twelve Shillings and Fivepence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said Christopher Gardner, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

An

An A C T regulating the Affize of Lime-Casks.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it <sup>Act regulat-</sup>  
*is Enacted*, That all Casks, in which Lime shall be offered or <sup>ing the Affize</sup>  
 exposed to Sale, shall be of the following Dimensions, *to wit* : A <sup>of Lime-</sup>  
 Hoghead shall be Thirty-five Inches long within the Heads, and the <sup>Casks.</sup>  
 Heads Twenty-six and an Half Inches Diameter, which will contain  
 One Hundred Gallons : A Three Quarter Hoghead shall be Thirty-  
 four Inches long within the Heads, and the Heads Twenty-three Inches  
 and an Half Diameter, which will contain Seventy-five Gallons :  
 A Half Hoghead shall be Thirty-two Inches long within the Heads,  
 and the Heads Nineteen and an Half Inches Diameter, which will  
 contain Fifty Gallons; and shall be well filled with good merchantable  
 Lime. And each Manufacturer or Burner of Lime shall put his Brand  
 on the same, with the initial Letters of his Name.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Cask.  
 of Lime, offered or exposed for Sale within this State, not containing  
 either of the above Dimensions, shall be forfeited, one Moiety to the  
 Informer, and the other Moiety thereof to the Use of the Poor of the  
 Town or Port where the same shall be seized, to be recovered by  
 Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record in the County  
 where such Seizure shall be made.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any  
 Manufacturer or Burner of Lime shall expose or sell any Lime that is  
 not well burnt and filled, he or she shall be liable to pay Damages  
 and Costs, to be recovered as aforesaid; and that this Act shall be in  
 Force from and after the First Day of May, A. D. 1785.



UPON the Account of *George H. Peckham*, Esq; exhibited unto this *G. H. Peck-*  
 Assembly, amounting to *Six Pounds*, for examining the Files and *ham allowed*  
 Records of the Clerk's Office, of the Inferior Court for the County of *£ 5 8s.*  
*Washington*, of all the outstanding Judgments of *Edward Tburston*, Esq;  
 deceased, late Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, the following  
 Report was made, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to settle the  
 Account of *George H. Peckham*, do report, that in our Opinion the Sum  
 of *Five Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed, in full of the  
 said Account. Which is submitted by

ROBERT STANTON,  
 WILLIAM ANTHONY, jun. } Committee.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the  
 said Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Five Pounds Eight*  
*Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *George H. Peckham* out of  
 the General-Treasury.

*C. Gardner,* jun. allowed £ 2 12s. 7d. THE Account of Mr. *Christopher Gardner*, jun. a Constable in the Town of *South-Kingstown*, for summoning divers Persons, and committing to Gaol *Charles Hull*, on Suspicion of Stealing, &c. exhibited unto this Assembly, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sevenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Christopher Gardner*, jun. out of the General-Treasury

*N. Helme* allowed £ 6. THE Account of Mr. *Nathaniel Helme*, for building a Pillory in the County of *Washington*, finding Timber, Nails, &c. amounting to *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money, exhibited unto this Assembly, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Six Pounds* only be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Helme* out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Turner* allowed £ 1 11s. 4d. THE Account of Dr. *Peter Turner*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for Medicine and Attendance upon one *Starks*, a poor Prisoner in the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound and Fourpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Peter Turner* out of the General-Treasury.

Records of the old Court of Admiralty to be lodged in the Secretary's Office. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Manley* be and he is hereby appointed to receive of the Executors of the late *Thomas Vernon*, Esq; formerly Register of the Court of Vice-Admiralty in the then Colony, now State, all the Records, Files of Papers, &c. belonging to the said Office; and that he deliver the same to the Secretary of this State.

Second Year's Interest allowed upon public Securities. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed, to draw Orders on the Collectors of Impost for a Second Year's Interest on any of the Securities of this State, whenever the same shall become due, on Application from the Holders of such Securities

*H. Ward* allowed £ 150. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be advanced to *Henry Ward*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, on Account of his Services as Secretary; and that he account for the same.

Second Allowance to *H. Ward*, £ 60. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be advanced to *Henry Ward*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, on Account of his Services as Secretary; and that he account for the same.

*R. Smith* allowed £ 4 10s. UPON the Account of *Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for the Use of his House as a Gaol, the following Report was made, *to wit* .

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to enquire into the Account of *Richard Smith*, Esq; are of Opinion, that if the Sum of *Fifteen Silver Dollars* be allowed and paid the said *Richard Smith*,  
it

it will be a sufficient Compensation for the Use of his House as a Gaol.  
Which is submitted by NATHAN MILLER, }  
ROUSE J. HELME, } Committee.

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Richard Smith* out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Esek Hopkins*, and *Rufus Hopkins*, *E. Hopkins*  
*and R. Hop-*  
*kins* to collect Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to obtain from the Secretary Copies of such Acts of Assembly relating to the Deficiencies in the Recruits raised for Three Years, as shall be necessary to enable the General-Treasurer to issue Executions, agreeable to the Order of this Assembly; and that they transmit the same to him as the Acts of  
Assembly for  
raising the  
Three Years  
Men. soon as may be.

WHEREAS a certain *Eunice Kinney* hath been confined without any *E. Kinney*  
*discharged* Trial upwards of Four Months past to the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, for a Breach of the Peace, committed in the County of *Bristol*, which hath proved expensive to the State, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* take the said *Eunice Kinney* out of the Gaol, and transport her over the Ferry to *Rehoboth*, that she may repair Home.

WHEREAS *Mr. George Champlin*, and *John Jenckes*, Esq; present- Report upon  
*R. Stevens's*  
Account, and  
he allowed  
*£ 268 12 s.*  
*1 d.* ed unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of *Mr. Robert Stevens*, for repairing the Light-House on *Beaver-Tail*, together with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*:

The State of *Rhode-Island*, in Account with *Robert Stevens*, Dr.  
1784. To Balance of Account settled at *June Session*, *£ 299 14 11½*  
*Oct. 25.* To sundries, as per Account, *38 15 5½*

*£ 338 10 5*

Creditor.

1784. } By Cash of *Thomas Rumreill*, paid my Draught } *£ 9 0 0*  
*July 13.* } to *Obed Butler*, }  
14. By Ditto paid my Draught, in Favour of *J. Pitman*, } *29 1 11*  
*Aug. 10.* By Cash of *T. Rumreill*, } *5 2 2*  
*Sept. 4.* By Ditto, Ditto, } *3 16 4*  
By Ditto of *Henry Ward*, Esq; paid my }  
Draught, in Favour of *Joseph and William* } *11 2 6*  
*Russell*, }  
*Oct. 7.* By Cash of *T. Rumreill*, } *2 0 10*  
By my Order on *Henry Ward*, Esq; in Favour }  
of *Joseph Brown*, Esq; } *9 14 7*

Balance due to *R. Stevens*,

*£ 69 18 4*  
*268 12 1*

*£ 338 10 5*  
*W<sup>E</sup>*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts of Mr. *Robert Stevens*, do report, that we have carefully performed said Business, and find a Balance due the said *Robert Stevens* of *Two Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds Twelve Shillings and One Penny*, Lawful Money.

GEORGE CHAMPLIN, }  
JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Balance, amounting to *Two Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds Twelve Shillings and One Penny*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Robert Stevens* by the Intendants of Trade, out of the Light-Money by them collected.

Loan-Officer to issue a Certificate for Interest to the Town of *West-Greenwich*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Keeper of the Loan-Office in this State be and he is hereby directed, to issue to the Town-Treasurer of *West-Greenwich* a Certificate for One Year's Interest on a Loan-Office Certificate in his Hands, the Property of the said Town of *West-Greenwich*; and that the same be received by the General-Treasurer in Payment of the last State Tax.

Committee to settle the Secretary's Accounts. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jenckes*, Esq; Mr. *Paul Allen*, and *Rouse J. Helme*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to settle the Accounts of *Henry Ward*, Esq; for his Services as Secretary.

*A. Hopkins* allowed £ 18 8s. 11d. UPON the Account of Mr. *Afa Hopkins*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly; amounting to *Twenty-three Pounds and Sixpence*, for maintaining Prisoners, &c. the following Report was made, to wit:

IN Obedience to our Appointment by the General Assembly, to examine the Account of Mr. *Afa Hopkins*, we do report, that there is due thereon the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Eight Shillings and Elevenpence*, Lawful Money. Which is submitted by your humble Servants,

ROWLAND BROWN, }  
BENJAMIN TILLINGHAST, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Eight Shillings and Elevenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Afa Hopkins* out of the General-Treasury

*J. Manley* allowed £ 2 2s. THE Account of Mr. *John Manley*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance upon the present Session, as Auditor of Accounts, being duly considered; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Two Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Manley* out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Bourne* allowed £ 3. THE Account of *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Services at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower House,

Houfe, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Benjamin Bourne* out of the General-Treasury.

THE Account of Mr. *William Peabody*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session, as a Waiter, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Peabody* out of the General-Treasury. *W. Peabody*  
allowed £ 1  
4s.

THE Account of Mr. *William Compton*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session, as a Waiter, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Compton* out of the General-Treasury. *W. Compton*  
allowed £ 1  
16s.

THE Account of Mr. *Daniel Branch*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Attendance at the present Session, as a Waiter, and for cleaning the Court-Houfe, &c. being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Ten Shillings and Three-pence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel Branch* out of the General-Treasury. *D. Branch*  
allowed £ 2  
10s. 3d.

THE Petition of *Edward Pierce*, a wounded Soldier, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that an Allowance might be made him, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Nine Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Edward Pierce* out of the General-Treasury, in full Compensation for the Wages due to him as an Invalid to the First Day of *November* next. *E. Pierce*  
allowed £ 9.

THE Petition of *Job Greenman*, a wounded Soldier, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that an Allowance might be made him, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Six Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Job Greenman* out of the General-Treasury, in full Compensation for the Wages due to him to the First Day of *November* next. *J. Greenman*  
allowed £ 6.

THE Account of Mr. *Nicholas Branch*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for turning and putting up a Number of Hat-Pins in the Deputies Chamber, in the County of *Providence*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Nicholas Branch* out of the General-Treasury. *N. Branch*  
allowed 9s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Year's Interest be paid upon all Loan-Office Certificates issued from the Continental Loan-Office in this State; likewise that One Year's Interest be paid upon all Certificates that have been issued by *Edward Chinn*, Esq; Commissioner of Accounts: That *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; the Loan-Officer, in this State, give Certificates for the Interest which is thus due; and that said Certificates shall be received by the Collectors of Taxes, in Lieu of Specie, for that Part of the Tax ordered at last *June* Session for Continental Use. One Year's  
Interest to be  
paid upon  
Loan-Office  
and *E. Chinn's*  
Certificates.

Committee  
to sell confiscated  
Estates.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. Caleb Gardner, John Topham, Esq; and Mr. Daniel Maybn, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to sell at public or private Sale, on or before the First Day of January next, the following Estates, which have been confiscated to and for the Use of this State, *to wit*: One Eighth Part of an Acre of Land, late belonging to Thomas Bamister; all the Right of Martin Howard, Esq; in the Lot of Land and Dwelling-House late belonging to Thomas Hazard; a Brew-House and Lot of Land, late the Property of George Rome, all being within the City of Newport; and all the Right, Interest and Property, which was confiscated to and for the Use of this State, in the Mortgage given by Job Almy to Isaac Lawton, of Thirty Acres of Land lying in the Town of Middletown, in the County of Newport: That the same be sold for any Notes issued by the General-Treasurer of this State, carrying an Interest of *Six per Centum*; and that the same be sold at their Discretion, and the Amount of the Sales be paid into the General-Treasury.

Executions  
where Peti-  
tions are  
pending  
stayed.

*WHEREAS* a Number of Petitions, praying that Executions may be stayed, are pending before this Assembly, which Time will not permit to be tried; and as the Petitioners may be greatly injured, unless some fit Remedy be provided, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That in all such Cases the Executions be stayed, until the next Session of this Assembly, excepting the Executions obtained by Mr. George Howell against Mr. William Morris; it appearing unreasonable that those Executions, under all their Circumstances, should be stayed.

Adjourn-  
ment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum, in the Town of Providence, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in the State, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned until the last Monday of February, A. D. 1785, then to meet at East-Greenwich, in the County of Kent.

**G O D save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA,**

**A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :**

**W I T N E S S,**

*Henry Ward*







At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *East-Greenwich*, on the last *Monday* of *February*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, and in the Ninth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

*Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

RICHARD SEARLE, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

GIDEON CLARKE, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

JOHN SMITH (of Gloucester) Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT :

Henry Marchant, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* George Champlin.  
 John Topham, *Esq;*  
 Caleb Gardner, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Daniel Maſon.

## PROVIDENCE :

Joſeph Nightingale, *Esq;*  
 John Jenckes, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Paul Allen.

## PORTSMOUTH :

*Mr.* Joſeph Cundall,  
*Mr.* Burrington Anthony,  
*Mr.* Holder Chace.

## WARWICK :

John Warner, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Thomas Remington,  
 Benjamin Arnold, *jun. Esq;*  
*Mr.* David Wightmaa.

## WESTERLY :

Joſeph Noyes, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Walter White.

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

*Mr.* William Littlefield,  
*Mr.* Edward Sands.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

*Mr.* Ezekiel Gardner, *jun.*  
*Mr.* John Allen.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowſe J. Helme, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Rowland Brown.

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Crary, *Esq;*  
 Benjamin Tillinghaſt, *Esq;*

## JAMESTOWN :

*Mr.* John Weeden,  
 Rowland Robinſon, *Esq;*

## SMITHFIELD :

*Mr.* Stephen Arnold, *jun.*  
 William Aldrich, *Esq;*

## SCITUATE :

Rufus Hopkins, *Esq;*  
 William Weſt, *Esq;*

## GLOUCESTER :

Stephen Steere, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* David Burlingame.

## CHARLESTOWN :

Joſeph Stanton, *jun. Esq;*  
*Mr.* Nathan Kinyon.

## WEST-GREENWICH :

Benjamin Tillinghaſt, *Esq;*

## COVENTRY :

*Mr.* Jeremiah Fenner,  
 Iſaac Johnſton, *Esq;*

## EXETER :

*Mr.* Hopſon Wilcox.

## MIDDLETOWN :

*Mr.* Nicholas Eaſton,  
*Mr.* Thomas Coggeſhall.

## BRISTOL .

*Mr.* Speaker,  
 Nathaniel Fales, *Esq;*

## TIVERTON :

*Mr.* Nathaniel Briggs,  
*Mr.* Benjamin Howland.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

*Mr.* William Ladd,  
*Mr.* William Brown.

## WARREN :

Nathan Miller, *Esq;*  
 Robert Carr, *Esq;*

## CUMBERLAND .

Nathaniel Shepardſon, *Esq;*

## RICHMOND :

Robert Stanton, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Thomas James.

## CRANSTON :

William Field, *Esq;*  
 Iſrael Gorton, *Esq;*

## JOHNSTON :

John Waterman, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Edward Manton.

## HOPKINTON :

*Mr.* John Brown,  
*Mr.* Oliver Davis.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Eſek Hopkins, *Esq;*  
 Hope Angell, *Esq;*

## BARRINGTON :

*Mr.* Aſa Bicknall,  
 Samuel Allen, *Esq;*

## FOSTER :

William Tyler, *Esq;*

BENJAMIN BOURNE, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower Houſe.

**T**H E Account of Mr. *Caleb Gardner*, exhibited unto this Assembly, by him charged against the Estate of *Lynn Martin*, an Absentee, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed; and that the General-Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay the Amount thereof, being *Two Hundred and Twenty-four Pounds*, Lawful Money, to the said *Caleb Gardner*, by giving his promissory Note for the said Sum, of the like Tenor with those heretofore ordered to be given in Payment of Debts due from the Estates of Absentees.

*C. Gardner's*  
Claim against  
*L. Martin's*  
Estate allow-  
ed.

WHEREAS *Ebenezer Cole*, Esq; of *Warren*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he was possessed of One Loan-Office Certificate, issued by *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; Commissioner of Loans in this State, for the Sum of *One Thousand Dollars*, dated *November 25, 1779*, Number *510*, and that he hath lost the same; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to empower the said *Joseph Clarke* to issue One other Certificate, of the same Number, Date and Sum, as the Certificate aforesaid; and that he may draw the Interest due thereon, in the same Manner as if the said Certificate had not been lost: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed to issue a Certificate for the Interest due on the said Certificate, in the same Manner as though the same was not lost; and that the said *Ebenezer Cole* cause the said Loss, with a Description of the said Certificate, to be advertised in the *Newport Mercury*.

*E. Cole's* Pe-  
tition.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Thomas Rumrell*, *Robert Stevens*, *Christopher Ellery*, *John Pitman*, *Simon Newton*, *Henry Marchant*, *Samuel Vernon* (the Third) and *William Channing*, a Committee appointed by the Second Congregational Society in the City of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that the said Society having early interested themselves in the Cause of Liberty, the *British Army* were thence induced, upon taking Possession of the Island of *Rhode-Island*, to convert the Meeting-House and Parsonage-House belonging to the said Society into Hospitals, whereby the same were in a great Measure destroyed; and that the said Society, having been great Sufferers in the late War, are unable to repair the same, and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery for raising the Sum of *Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars*, to be appropriated towards repairing the said Buildings; and that Messieurs *John Pitman*, *Simon Newton*, *Christopher Ellery*, *Robert Stevens*, *Thomas Rumrell*, *William Channing*, *Jacob Richardson*, *Samuel Vernon* (the Third) *John Topham*, *Edward Simmons*, *Samuel I. Thurston*, and *William Hammond*, may be appointed Managers of the said Lottery: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted: That the aforesaid Persons be and they are hereby appointed Managers of the said Lottery; and that they give Bond to the General-Treasurer for the faithful Performance of their Trust.

Petition of  
the Second  
Congrega-  
tional Society  
in the City of  
*Newport*  
granted.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Twelve Shillings and Sixpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to *Daniel Manton*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury; it being the Amount of an Account

*D. Manton*  
allowed £ 1  
12s. 6d.

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by him exhibited against the State, for Timber furnished to inclose the State-House Lot in *Providence*.

*J. Smith* allowed £ 60. WHEREAS *Esek Hopkins*, *Benjamin Bourne*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

THE Subscribers having been appointed by the Honorable General Assembly, at *October* Session, 1783, a Committee to examine into a Representation made by *John Smith*, late a Soldier in the *Rhode-Island* Regiment, respecting an Error in the Settlement of his Depreciation Account, beg Leave to report, that we have accordingly examined the Account of the said *John Smith*, which was settled, with those of the Regiment, up to the First Day of *August*, 1780, and find there was Two Years Pay deducted from his Account in the Settlement, to wit : One Year as a Serjeant, and One Year as a Private, amounting to *Sixty Pounds*, Lawful Money, which Deduction was made (as Lieutenant-Colonel *Olney* declares) on Account of the said *John Smith*'s having been transferred to and serving Two Years in the Invalid Regiment, and presuming his Depreciation would be settled in the Accounts of the said Regiment, which was not done : Wherefore it appears that the said Sum of *Sixty Pounds* is due to the said *John Smith*, from the First of *August*, 1780, up to which Time the Depreciation Accounts were settled. Which is submitted, by your Honors obedient Servants,

ESEK HOPKINS,  
BENJAMIN BOURNE, } Committee.  
JEREMIAH OLNEY, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted, and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the said Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, Lawful Money, to the said *John Smith*, by giving his promissory Note for the same, payable on Demand, with Interest.

*P. Barrow* allowed £ 30. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed to *Peter Barrow*, late a Soldier in the *Rhode-Island* Regiment, who was wounded in storming a Redoubt at the Siege of *York and Gloucester*, in the Year 1781 : That it shall be a full Compensation for any Claim he may have upon Account of his aforesaid Wound ; and that the same be paid him by the General-Treasurer, out of the next State Tax.

Lottery granted to repair the Episcopal Edifice in *Providence*.

WHEREAS the Congregation of the Episcopal Church in the Town of *Providence* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the Edifice in which they assemble for public Worship, and of which they are the Proprietors, is greatly out of Repair, and unless speedily repaired will soon be in a ruinous Condition ; and that the Circumstances of the said Society are such, as to render it impossible for them to cause the necessary Repairs to be made ; and thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, agreeable to a Scheme presented with the said Petition, for raising the Sum of *Eight Hundred Dollars*, to be applied to the repairing of the said Edifice ; and that

that Messieurs *Cyprian Sterry, Jeremiab F. Jenkins, Lewis Deblois, William Jones, and Thomas L. Halfey*, may be appointed Managers of the same: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted; and that the Persons therein named be appointed Managers of the said Lottery, they giving Bond to the General-Treasurer in the Sum of *Eight Thousand Dollars* for the faithful Performance of the Trust reposed in them.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Davis*, who is confined in the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, by a Judgment of the Superior Court, for the Payment of a Fine and Costs of Prosecution, upon an Indictment for Forgery, whereof he was convicted, hath represented to this Assembly that he is unable to pay the same: And as he hath already been of considerable Expence to the State, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Benjamin Davis* be by the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* sent out of this State; and that he be and hereby is prohibited from returning to the same, on the Penalty of being whipped Thirty-nine Stripes on his naked Back.

*B. Davis* to be sent out of the State.

WHEREAS there is in the Hands of his Excellency the Governor a considerable Sum of the *Massachusetts* Sword-in-Hand Money (so called) which is counterfeit; a Part whereof was uttered and passed by *John Hart*, and *Sarah Slocum*, in the Year 1777, together with some other Papers, now of no Use: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *Jabez Bowen, Esq;* and *Welcome Arnold, Esq;* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive the said Bills and Papers: That they make out a List, certifying from whom the said Bills were received, and lodge the same in the Secretary's Office; and that they destroy the said Bills and Papers, by burning the same.

Committee to burn counterfeit Money.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto *George Lawton*, a wounded Soldier, out of the General-Treasury, in full for his Half-Pay in Arrear, up to the First Day of *February*, A. D. 1785.

*G. Lawton* allowed £ 3.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-four Pounds Six Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto *Daniel Cooke, Esq;* out of the General-Treasury; it being the Balance of an Account by him exhibited, for Services done in the Secretary's Office, from *October 28, 1784*, to *February 20, 1785*, inclusive; and that the same be charged to the Secretary.

*D. Cooke* allowed £ 24 6 s. 8 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Thirty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Banister*; it being the Value of a Slave named *Cato Banister*, who inlisted into the Continental Battalions of this State, as he was estimated by the Committee appointed to appraise Slaves inlisting into the said Battalions, with the Interest thereon.

*J. Banister* allowed £ 32 14 s. 4 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General, and *Rufus Hopkins, Esq;* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to revise  
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Committee to prepare a Bill for collecting Fines from the delinquent Classes. the Acts and Resolves of this Assembly passed at *February* Session, A. D. 1782, and *December* Session, A. D. 1783, for collecting the Fines due from the Classes which were delinquent in raising Recruits for the Continental Service; and that they prepare a Bill for the more speedy and effectual Collection of the said Fines.

Committee to enrol the Invalids. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Marchant*, Esq; *Mr. Paul Allen*, and *Henry Sherburne*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause the Invalids who have been voted on the Half-Pay List to be enrolled; and that they lay the said Enrollment, when compleated, before this Assembly.

Committee to prepare a Bill for the Support of *Negro* Paupers who were Soldiers. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Marchant*, Esq; *Mr. George Champlin*, and *Rosse J. Helme*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to draught an Act, providing for the Support and Maintenance of such *Negroes* as were freed, upon their inlistings into the Continental Battalions of this State, and have become chargeable; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

*W. Rodman* allowed £ 17 16s. 3d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seventeen Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to *Mr. William Rodman*, out of the General-Treasury; it being the Amount of his Account for boarding *Mingo Rodman*, a *Negro* Slave, who was freed upon his inlistings into the Continental Battalions of this State *Seventy-six Weeks*, and for Cloathing supplied him.

*B. Burlingame* allowed £ 2 3s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Three Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Benjamin Burlingame*, for his Month's Pay and Three Rations, when upon Duty in *Tiverton*, in the Year 1777; he having been omitted in the Abstracts.



An A C T to incorporate certain Persons, by the Name of the *United Congregational Society*, in the Town of *Little-Compton*, in the County of *Newport*, in this State.

Act incorporating the Congregational Society in Tiverton. **W** H E R E A S divers Persons have petitioned this Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, whereby they may be enabled to promote certain Purposes herein after mentioned: Therefore, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That *Messieurs William Richmond, David Hilliard, Philip Taylor, Gideon Taylor, William Taylor, Adam Simmons, George Brownell, Robert Taylor, George Brownell, jun. William Southworth, Samuel Gray, Perez Richmond, Ebenezer Church, Thomas Davenport, George Simmons, George Wood, Nathaniel Church, Nathaniel Searle, Aaron Simmons, John Davis, Gideon Simmons*,



*Simmons, William Coe, David Stoddard, Isaac Wood, Barnabas Clap, Joseph Palmer, John Bailey, Samuel Coe, Caleb Simmons, Thomas Briggs, Nathaniel Simmons, Benjamin Coe, Jonathan Taylor, Nathaniel Southworth, Caleb Church, Jeremiah Child, Thomas Richmond, Isaac Simmons, Samuel Taylor, William Woodman, Sylvester Woodman, Stephen Pearce, Benedict Palmer, Samuel Brownell, Gilbert Tomptons, and Eliza Woodworth,* together with such others as they shall elect from Time to Time, shall be forever hereafter a Body politic, in Name and Fact, by the Name of the *United Congregational Society*, in the Town of *Little-Compton*, and County of *Newport*, in the State aforesaid, for the Purpose of raising a Fund, by free and voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, for the Support of public Worship in the *Congregational Society* in the Town of *Little-Compton* aforesaid, of which the Reverend *Jonathan Ellis* is the present Pastor. And the said *United Society* is hereby empowered to take, receive and hold, all and any voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, of any Sum or Sums of Money, or of any real or personal Estate; and also to have, possess or acquire, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Goods and Chattels whatsoever, to them and their Successors, and the same to let and lease under their Seal, at their own Will and Pleasure; and shall and may be capable in Law, as a Body corporate, to sue and be sued, to plead and to be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and to be defended against, in all Courts and Places, and before all proper Judges whatsoever, in all and singular Suit and Suits, Causes and Actions, of what Kind soever, in the fullest and amplest Manner. And if it should happen, that the said *United Society* shall become seized of Lands or Tenements by Mortgage, as Security for Payment of any Debt or Debts, or by levying Execution on Lands or Tenements, for discharging any Debt or Debts that shall be due to the said *United Society*; it shall be lawful for them, under their Seal, to sell and convey the Lands and Tenements acquired by either of the said mentioned Ways.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That there shall be a Meeting of the said *United Society*, in the said Town of *Little-Compton*, on the First Monday of June, yearly forever; at which Time, for the better ordering and managing the Affairs of the said *United Society*, they shall, out of their own Body politic, by a Majority of the Members present, elect a President, a Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other Officers as they shall judge needful. And all Officers chosen as aforesaid shall, before they are qualified to act, be sworn to the faithful Performance of their respective Trusts.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That there shall be a Meeting of the said *United Society*, at *Little-Compton* aforesaid, on the First Monday of February in every Year, and oftener, when and where they shall think needful and fit.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said *United Society* shall have a common Seal, which it shall be lawful for them to alter, change, break, and make new, at Pleasure: And that  
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the said *United Society*, by the Name aforesaid, and their Successors, shall have perpetual Succession.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the aforesaid *William Richmond* be the First President, the aforesaid *David Hilliard* the First Vice-President, the aforesaid *Philip Taylor* the First Treasurer, and the aforesaid *Gideon Taylor* the First Secretary, of the said *United Society*, to continue in their respective Offices until the First Monday in June next.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Donations to the said *United Society*, by voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy or otherwise (excepting such as shall be differently appropriated by the Donors) shall make a Part of and be put into the capital Stock or Fund of the said *United Society*, and shall be put out on Interest on good Security for One Year, or otherwise improved to the best Advantage; and the Income or Profits thereof shall solely be applied and appropriated to the Support of public Worship in the aforesaid *United Society*, until the Interest shall exceed the Sum said Society shall deem sufficient for the Support of the Pastor thereof; the Overplus to be appropriated to such other Use as a Majority of the said *United Society* shall order and determine, at any regular stated Meeting.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said *United Society*, at any of their Meetings, may elect into their Body such Persons as they shall judge proper, and may appoint a Committee or Committees to prosecute the Orders of the said *United Society*, audit the Treasurer's Accounts, and prepare Matters for the Society to act upon; and that the said *United Society* shall have, and there is hereby granted unto them, at any of their stated Meetings, full Power to make such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, and to alter the same, as they shall judge needful for the better Government of the said *United Society*; provided that such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, be not repugnant to the Laws of this State, or the Design of their Institution.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That Nine of the Members (the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, always to be One) being convened at any regular Time of Meeting, are hereby declared to be a Quorum of said *United Society*.

*AND to the End* that the Members of the said *United Society*, and all Contributors thereto, may know the State of their Stock, and the Disposition of the Profits thereof, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That a particular Account of such Stock and Disposition shall be exhibited by the Treasurer at every Meeting, and be examined by a Committee of the said *United Society*, who, upon finding it to be true, shall certify the same in Writing under their Hands: And fair Entries shall be made, in proper Books provided for the Purpose, of all Donations, Legacies, Subscriptions and Contributions, made to the said *United Society*, and of all Estates, both real and personal, belonging to them, and of the Incomes thereof; and also of all their Transactions

Transactions, either by themselves or by their Officers or Committees, for and on Account of the said *United Society*; and the said Books shall be brought to the said Meetings, and shall be there opened for the Perusal and Examination of the Members of the said *United Society*.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if ever there shall be a less Number than Nine belonging to the said United Society, then all Money, Bonds, Mortgages, Deeds, Notes, Obligations, Books and Papers of every Kind, together with all the Estates, both real and personal, whatsoever, at that Time belonging to the said United Society, shall be given up to, and the sole Property thereof be vested in, the Congregational Society aforesaid, for whose Use and Benefit the said United Society is instituted; to be lodged in the Hands of any one or more Persons, whom a Majority of that Society shall appoint to receive the same.*

*PROVIDED nevertheless, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Part of this Act shall be construed or understood to grant any Power or Powers to the said United Society, to raise any Sum or Sums of Money for the Purpose aforesaid, any otherwise than by free and voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy or Donation.*



*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Fifty-five Pounds and Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. John Carter; it being the Amount of his Account, for printing the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, passed at several Sessions, &c.*

*J. Carter allowed £ 55 18s. 6d.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Fifty-six Pounds Five Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Bennett Wheeler; it being the Amount of his Account, for printing the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, passed at several Sessions, &c.*

*B. Wheeler allowed £ 56 5s.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Four Pounds Ten Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Solomon Southwick, Esq; it being the Amount of his Account, for printing Receipts and Certificates for the General-Treasurer.*

*S. Southwick allowed £ 4 10s.*

WHEREAS Mr. William Slocum preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that some Time in the Year 1774 a Quantity of Oars were deposited with him by James Selkirk, of Wethersfield, in the State of Connecticut, which were taken for the public Service in the Year 1775; and that the said James Selkirk obtained a Judgment against him for the Value of the said Oars, at the Inferior Court held in Newport, in May last: And thereupon the said William Nichols prayed this Assembly to order him Payment for the same: And whereas John Topham;

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*Topham*, and *Caleb Gardner*, Esquires, who were at the last Session appointed a Committee to examine into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

Newport, Feb. 19, 1785.

WE the Subscribers, having been appointed a Committee to enquire into the Justice of the Petition of *William Nichols*, beg Leave to report, that it is our Opinion, after hearing the Parties and several Witnesses, the State had and received upwards of Twelve Hundred Feet of Oars, belonging to the said *James Selkirk*, in the Possession of the said *William Slocum* ; for which it doth not appear that any Payment hath been made by the State. The said Oars were delivered in *October*, A.D. 1775, at which Time Oars were sold at *Five Coppers* per Foot.

JOHN TOPHAM, } Committee.  
CALEB GARDNER, }

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Elevenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the said *James Selkirk*, it being the Amount of his Execution against the said *William Slocum*.

Governor to request the a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that in the Year 1783  
Officers of the he made a Voyage to the River *Mississippi*, as Master of the Sloop  
King of *America*, and carried a very valuable Cargo, which he disposed of upon  
Spain, on the Credit to the Inhabitants and Traders settled on the Banks of the said  
the *Mississippi*, to River : That the Time limited for the Payment of the said Debts hav-  
permit C. ing expired, he sent his Securities for the same by Capt. *William Earle*,  
*Whipple* to who was not permitted to enter the said River : And that he is informed,  
bring his that His Most Catholic Majesty hath given Orders to his Governors  
Effects from who was not permitted to enter the said River, not to permit any *American* Vessel  
thence. to enter the said River to trade : And thereupon the said *Christopher Whipple* prayed this Assembly, that Letters recommendatory may be given by his Excellency the Governor, in his Behalf, requesting the Governors and Officers of His Most Catholic Majesty to permit him to collect his Debts, and bring his Effects from the Settlements on the said River : And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to write such necessary Letters, and give unto the said *Christopher Whipple* all proper Passports for the obtaining his Effects as aforesaid. *Provided nevertheless*, That the same be done without any Expence to the State.

Treasurer to WHEREAS the Corporation of the College in this State preferred a  
exchange Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that *John Brown*, Esq;  
Notes for the Treasurer of the said Corporation, in renewing the Obligations for the  
Corporation College Fund in the General-Treasury of this State, not adverting to  
of the Col- the Time when the Salaries of the Officers of the College became due,  
lege. took a Note payable in *December*, instead of *September* the Third ; by  
Means

Means whereof the said Officers are rendered incapable of receiving their Salaries when they become due, and the said Corporation of adjusting their Accounts annually, at the Time required by their Charter: And thereupon the said Corporation prayed this Assembly to direct the General-Treasurer to receive back the said Note, and to issue a new Note, payable on the Third Day of September, including in it the other Notes of this State, belonging to the said College; and to pay One Year's Interest on the Note so to be given, as being due on the Third Day of September, A.D. 1784, to the said John Brown, as Treasurer as aforesaid: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer thereof be and the same is hereby granted.

Mr. *Nicholas Webster* having represented unto this Assembly, that at the Session of this Assembly, in *October*, A.D. 1782, an Allowance was made him of *Seven Pounds Nine Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money: That the Entry thereof in the Minute-Book is marked, as if a Certificate had been issued; but that it never came to his Hands: And the General-Treasurer having certified that no such Certificate had been presented for Payment: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to issue a new Certificate to the said *Nicholas Webster* for the said Sum.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Sarah* the Wife, and *Hannah* the Daughter, of *John Frazer*, late a Continental Soldier in the Service of this State, who stand committed to the Gaol in the County of *Walshington*, for the Non-Payment of a Fine, for an Assault, and the Costs, be and they are hereby discharged therefrom; they being unable to pay the same, and being at the Expence of the State.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and *Welcome Arnold*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

Report of the Committee who burnt counterfeit Money.

An Account of the counterfeit Money made in Imitation of the Bills emitted by the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, dated *Nov. 17*, A.D. 1776, which was delivered to this Assembly, by his Excellency the Governor, and of whom the same was received by his Excellency.

Of <i>Ichabod Holway</i> , of <i>Exeter</i> , Seven Bills of Forty-eight Shillings each, which he informed the Governor he received of <i>Sarah Slocum</i> ,	}	£ 16 16 0
Of <i>Lodowick Updike</i> , Twenty-nine Bills of Forty-eight Shillings each, which he informed the Governor he received of <i>Sarah Slocum</i> ,		
Of <i>Samuel Wait</i> , One Bill of Forty-eight Shillings, which he received of <i>Sarah Slocum</i> , per Certificate on the said Bill, in the Hand-Writing of <i>Thomas Rumreill</i> , Esq;	}	2 8 0
Two Hundred and Seven Bills of Forty-eight Shillings each, which were found in <i>John Hart's</i> Pocket-Book, and in the Possession of <i>Job Herrington</i> , &c.		

£ 585 12 0  
Also

Also sundry Papers, *to wit*: inlisting Orders, to raise Men for the King of Great-Britain, in the Year 1777, &c.

IN Obedience to a Resolve of the Honorable General Assembly, we have received all the abovesaid Money and Papers; and have burnt the same in the Presence of the Upper House. All which is submitted, by your obedient Servants,

March 2, 1785. JABEZ BOWEN, } Committee.  
WELCOME ARNOLD, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the Directors of a Lottery, for building a Meeting-House in East-Greenwich. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That James M. Varnum, Henry Marchant, Samuel Ward, John S. Dexter, and Andrew Boyd, Esquires, be and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Circumstances of a Lottery, heretofore granted for the building a Congregational Meeting-House in the Town of East-Greenwich: That the said Committee call on the Directors of the aforesaid Lottery for a State of their Proceedings respecting the said Lottery; and that the said Committee make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

B. Brown allowed £ 6. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Beriab Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Washington; it being the Amount of a Reward offered for apprehending Christopher Starke, a Criminal who broke Gaol.

State of W. Bradford's Account. WHEREAS Rufus Hopkins, Esq; and Mr. Daniel Mason, reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of the Hon. William Bradford, Esq; *to wit*:

State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with William Bradford, as one of the Committee for leasing the State's Lands, and receiving the Rents, Dr.

1783.	To an Allowance made me by the General Assembly, at February Session, A.D. 1783, to be paid out of the Rents I should receive,	£ 20 7 6
OB. 25.	To Cash paid Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer, as per Receipt,	15 0 0
1784.	To Ditto,	12 0 0
Jan. 23.	To Ditto,	18 0 0
Feb. 29.	To Ditto,	16 15 0
April 10.	To Ditto,	16 14 1½
1785.	To Ditto,	10 0 0.
Feb. 19.	To my Time and Trouble in collecting and paying the same,	

Balance due to the State,

108 16 7½
2 15 7½
£ 111 12 3
Creditor.

## Creditor.

1783. March 27.	By Cash of <i>Charles Dyer</i> , Esq; in Part of the Execution against him, for the Rent of the <i>Rome Farm</i> , in <i>North-Kingstown</i> , from <i>March 25, 1777</i> , to <i>March 25, 1778</i> ,	£ 6 6 8
	By Ditto of <i>Ebenezer Slocum</i> , for the Balance of his Lease of the <i>Oliver Farm</i> , in <i>Tiverton</i> , from <i>March 25, 1778</i> , to <i>March 25, 1779</i> ,	10 15 9
August 24.	By Ditto on said Execution, against <i>Charles Dyer</i> , Esq;	12 0 0
	By Ditto on the Executions against <i>Michael Dawley</i> , for the Rents of the <i>Boone Farm</i> , in <i>Exeter</i> , from <i>March 25, 1781</i> , to <i>March 25, 1782</i> ,	36 2 0
Dec. 27.	By Ditto of <i>Nicholas Gardner</i> , Esq; Deputy-Sheriff, on an Execution against <i>Beriah Brown</i> , jun. for the Rent of the <i>Boone Farm</i> , in <i>Exeter</i> , improved by one <i>Herrington</i> , in the Year 1778, it being the Balance in said <i>Brown's</i> Hands, after the Allowance made by the State to the said <i>Herrington</i> ,	12 0 0
1784. Feb. 23.	By Ditto of <i>Richard Smith</i> , Esq; Sheriff of the County of <i>Bristol</i> , on an Execution against <i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , jun. for the Rents of the <i>Vassall Farm</i> , in <i>Bristol</i> , from <i>March 25, 1780</i> , to <i>March 25, 1781</i> ,	21 2 6
April 10.	By Ditto on Execution against <i>Charles Dyer</i> , Esq;	13 5 4
		£ 111 12 3

AGREEABLE to our Appointment, we the Subscribers have examined the within Account, and do report a Balance of *Two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny* is due to the State. Which is submitted, by your obedient Servants,

RUFUS HOPKINS,  
DANIEL MASON.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said *William Bradford* pay the said Balance of *Two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, into the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fifteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and £ 15 14 s. Ninepence*, Lawful Money, be discounted out of a Note which *John Rose*, Esq; hath against the General-Treasurer, for *Two Negroes* enlisted into this State's Continental Battalions; it being for a Tax assessed Note. upon the said *John Rose*, and payable the First Day of *January* last; and that the Collector of Taxes for the Town of *South-Kingstown* indorse the said Sum on the said Note as received, and discharge the said *John Rose* from his Rate, in like Manner as was heretofore done.

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THE

G. Hoxsie's  
Petition sub-  
mitted to Re-  
ferrees.

THE Petition of *Gideon Hoxsie*, Esq; representing that in the Year 1766 he was Bondsman to *Peter Phillips*, Esq; then Sheriff of the County of *King's County* (now the County of *Washington*) for *Samuel Burdick*, one of his Deputies; and that *Hezekiah Babcock*, Esq; hath since in Behalf of the State obtained a Judgment, at a Special Inferior Court in the said County of *Washington*, against the said *Peter Phillips*, upon Account of the Misconduct of the said *Samuel Burdick*, for a considerable Sum of Money, for which he the said *Gideon Hoxsie* is finally answerable, although the said Judgment ought not in Justice to have been obtained, &c. being duly considered,

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Subject-Matter of the said Petition be and the same is hereby, with the Consent of Parties, submitted to the final Award and Determination of *Simeon Perry*, and *Gideon Clarke*, Esquires: That the said Referrees be empowered to appoint Time and Place, notify the Parties, and make a final End and Determination of the said Controversy: That if either of the said Parties, on due Notice, shall neglect to appear, in such Case the said Referrees determine the same *ex Parte*: That the said Referrees make Report into the Office of the Clerk of the said Court of the County of *Washington*: That Judgment be entered thereon; and if any Thing shall on the Principles of Justice be found due, that the Petitioner shall pay the same immediately into the General-Treasury; but if the Petitioner shall neglect to pay the same immediately into the Treasury, that Execution issue therefor, returnable in Fourteen Days: That in case the said Referrees do not agree, *Col. John Waite* be appointed a Third Referree; and that any Two of them agreeing, the Award be final.

*AND it is further Resolved*, by and with the Consent of Parties as aforesaid, That this Submission shall have the same Force and Effect as though it had become a Rule of any Court of Record.

Explanation  
of a Resolu-  
tion passed in  
*June*, 1784,  
surrendering  
*G. Wight-*  
*man's Estate*.

WHEREAS by a Resolution of this Assembly, passed at the Session in *June* last, all the Interest and Title of this State to the Estate of *George Wightman* was released to *Mr. Holmes Wightman*, his Son, on Condition that he should satisfy and pay the Debts due from the said Estate before the same was confiscated, &c. And whereas some Doubts have arisen relative to the Operation of the said Resolution upon the said Debts: To remove which in future, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Resolution did not extend to, neither shall the same be construed to extend to, any Debts contracted by the said *George Wightman*, subsequent to his leaving his said Estate, and joining the *British Troops*.

AND whereas it is represented to this Assembly, that there were Debts due from divers Persons in this State to the said *George Wightman*, previous to his joining the said *British Troops*, which remain unpaid: *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Holmes Wightman* be and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to pursue, sue for, recover and dispose of, to his own Use, the Debts due as aforesaid, in the Name of the said *George Wightman*; and that the Acquittances by him given shall discharge the Debtors.

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*It is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings, Law- Allowance to*  
 ful Money, with Interest thereon from the First Day of January, 1782, *B. Jefferson.*  
 be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Benjamin Jefferson,  
 Administrator upon the Estate of James Nason, late Serjeant-Major of  
 Col. Christopher Greene's Regiment, deceased, in full for a Balance due  
 to the Heirs of the said James Nason, as certified by the Secretary.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Eighteen Pounds Two Shillings and B. Brown al-*  
 Tenpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General- lowed £ 18  
 Treasury to Beniah Brown, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account *2 s. 10 d.*  
 by him exhibited for Chairs, &c. furnished for the State-House in  
 South-Kingsdown.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings A. Hopkins al-*  
 and Twopence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General- lowed £ 29  
 Treasury to Mr. Asa Hopkins, Keeper of the Gaol in Providence, in full *9 s. 2 d.*  
 Satisfaction for an Account by him exhibited, for supporting divers  
 poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the State, agreeable to the  
 Report of the Committee who audited the same.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Ten Shillings and Tenpence T. Tew al-*  
 Halfpenny, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General- lowed £ 1  
 Treasury to Mr. Thomas Tew, Keeper of the Gaol in Newport; it *10 s. 10 d.*  
 being the Sum reported to be due upon his Account, exhibited for  
 maintaining divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the State.

WHEREAS this Assembly did, at the Session held in June last, pass Grant to W  
 an Act, allowing Capr. William Littlefield, late of Col. Israel Angell's Littlefield.  
 Regiment, One Hundred and Forty Pounds Ten Shillings and Elevenpence,  
 Lawful Money, on Account of the Depreciation of his Wages; Three-  
 Quarter Parts thereof to be paid by the General-Treasurer's giving his  
 Note, payable on Demand, with Interest from the First Day of August,  
 A. D. 1780, and the Remainder in Money out of the General-Trea-  
 sury: And whereas the said William Littlefield hath represented to this  
 Assembly, that he obtained a Certificate from the Secretary for the  
 said Three-Quarter Parts, to be paid by a Treasurer's Note, and pre-  
 sented the same to the General-Treasurer, by whom it hath been lost  
 or mislaid; and that, owing, as he supposed, to a Mistake in draught-  
 ing the Vote, the Interest on the Quarter Part paid in Money was not  
 allowed: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That the Secretary issue a  
 new Certificate to the said William Littlefield, for the said Three-Quar-  
 ter Parts, to be paid by a Treasurer's Note: That the Certificate issued  
 as aforesaid therefor be void; and that the said William Littlefield be  
 allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury the Interest upon the  
 said Quarter Part, ordered to be paid in Money.



AN ACT for the Support of the Paupers, who heretofore were Slaves, and enlisted into the Continental Battalions.

Act for Support of Negro Soldiers who become poor.

WHEREAS during the late War it was thought expedient, by the Legislature, to raise a Corps to serve in the Continental Battalions, by enlisting the Slaves within this State: And whereas, since disbanding the said Corps, many of the said Soldiers have become sick, and otherwise unable to maintain themselves; and as they have gained no legal Place of Settlement, it is necessary that Provision should be made for their Support, and that no particular Town should be overburthened with them:

THEREFORE, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That when and so often as it shall happen, that any *Indian, Negro or Mulatto*, who was heretofore a Slave, and enlisted into and served in the Continental Battalions in the Pay of this State, by Virtue of an Act of this Assembly passed at the Session in February, A.D. 1778, shall become sick, or otherwise unable to support and maintain himself, it shall be the Duty of the Town-Council of the Town where such *Indian, Negro or Mulatto*, who was heretofore a Slave, and enlisted into the Continental Battalions as aforesaid, and shall be sick, or otherwise unable to support and maintain himself, to direct the Overseers of the Poor of such Town to take Care of and provide for such sick or poor *Indian, Negro or Mulatto*, in the same Way, and with the same Economy and Frugality, as though such *Indian, Negro or Mulatto*, was a Pauper of the said Town. And the Town-Council of the Town where such *Indian, Negro or Mulatto*, shall be sick, or otherwise become poor, and unable to maintain himself, shall adjust the Accounts of such Overseers of the Poor, for the Maintenance or Support of such sick or poor *Indian, Negro or Mulatto*, who was heretofore a Slave, and lay the same before the General Assembly: And if such Accounts are reasonable, just and right, they shall be paid out of the General-Treasury.

AND *be it further Enacted*, That whenever and so often as it shall happen, that such *Indian, Negro or Mulatto*, shall be supported in any other Way than is herein before prescribed, it shall be at the proper Cost and Charge of the Person or Persons who shall keep and provide for him or them.



General-Treasurer to issue Executions against delinquent Towns.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue his Executions against the Treasurers of the several Towns, which shall be delinquent in the Payment of the last State Tax, on the First Day of May next; and that the said Executions be returnable in Ten Days from the said First Day of May.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Manley* be requested once more to call on the Executor of *Thomas Vernon*, Esq; formerly Register of the Court of Admiralty (when this now State was under the Government of *Great-Britain*) for the Books, Papers, and every other Thing belonging to the said Office; and in case the said Articles are not delivered to him, that the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be and he is hereby directed and fully empowered to take the same, and deliver them to the said *John Manley*, agreeable to an Act of this Assembly, passed at the last Session.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fivepence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury unto *Henry Sherburne*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account, by him exhibited, for his Service in draughting the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly for the Press, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fourteen Shillings and Twopence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Ichabod Smith*, Keeper of the Gaol in *East-Greenwich*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for boarding *Newport Hall*, a poor Prisoner, committed at the Suit of the State.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Esek Hopkins*, and *Caleb Harris*, Esquires; it being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited, for auditing the Accounts of the Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*.

WHEREAS *Esek Hopkins*, and *Caleb Harris*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, together with their Report thereon, as follow, to wit:

The State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c. in Account with <i>Benjamin Bourne</i> , Dr.		
To an Over-Credit in <i>Hajaiah Caboon's</i> Account,	£	0 3 8
To Cash returned to Capt. <i>John Updike</i> , which was received of him for 12 Chests of Tea, which since appear to be of no Value, and which Sum was credited in a former Settlement,		12 7 10
To Cash paid into the General-Treasury, as per Receipt,		3035 16 6½
Balance due to the State,		211 14 9½
	£	3260 2 10

Creditor.

By Impost Money received from *June 24*, 1784, to *February 15*, 1785, of the undernamed Persons, to wit:

<i>Joseph Patter</i> ,	£	3 11 6
<i>Abner Thayer</i> and Company,		19 12 10
<i>Benjamin Ellery</i> ,		0 19 4
<i>Peter Howard</i> ,		4 17 7
		<i>Matthew</i>

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Matthew Jenkins,	£	0	15	1
Philip Martin,	0	1	0	
Nathan Waterman,	0	3	2	
Samuel Warner,	0	17	6	
John Updike,	2	4	6	
Gideon Freeborn,	3	19	6	
Nathan Angell,	0	8	6	
Isaiah Caboon,	1	4	0	
— Silver,	1	16	0	
Hoppin and Smart,	6	13	4	
Ditto,	0	16	1	
Thurston and Jenkins,	30	15	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Ditto,	1	16	9	
Solomon Smith,	7	2	8	
Reich and Sons,	2	7	4	
Ditto,	0	15	3	
Zephaniah Brown,	14	13	7	
Truman and Company,	0	12	9	
Ditto,	3	5	9	
John Lawrence,	1	0	0	
Thomas Pain,	0	18	0	
Samuel Dunn,	0	12	0	
Monsieur Baudin,	1	1	0	
Adam Sime,	0	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
John Chace,	3	0	0	
Nathaniel Greene and Company,	21	16	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Deblois and Thompson,	102	11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Jabez Bowen,	2	9	3	
Matthew Fairservice,	4	8	9	
Thomas Jenkins,	27	19	3	
Abner Thayer and Company,	35	5	3	
Cyprian Sterry,	9	13	5	
Fenner and White,	32	10	9	
William Corlis,	1	2	6	
Thomas Sabin,	0	10	6	
Hoppin and Smart,	0	19	6	
Daniel Bucklin and Company,	14	7	4	
Monsieur Barriou,	5	13	8	
Nathaniel Hunt,	4	3	8	
Daniel Wright,	3	0	0	
John Updike,	5	3	7	
David Dalingo,	21	1	4	
James Munro,	4	0	0	
Jabez Bowen,	2	18	8	
John Chace,	1	13	2	
Holroyd and Tillinghast,	26	14	6	
William Corey,	1	19	0	
Samuel Aborn,	14	2	5	
Samuel McClellan and Company,	15	18	10	
Andrew Dexter,	37	14	7	
Wilson Jacobs,	0	9	0	
Joseph Perkins,	1	19	6	
William				

<i>William Rhodes and Company,</i>	£ 9 8 7
<i>Ephraim Starkweather and Son;</i>	20 16 5
<i>Jonathan and Thomas Arnold,</i>	68 9 4
<i>Clark and Nightingale,</i>	668 3 10
<i>Cyprian Sterry,</i>	2 7 10
<i>John Carter,</i>	16 4 5
<i>John Brown,</i>	361 2 10
<i>John Fitton and Company;</i>	8 18 0
<i>Ditto,</i>	16 11 2
<i>Laufrey De Lisle,</i>	60 10 3
<i>Welcome Arnold,</i>	216 10 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Joseph and William Russell,</i>	351 6 0
<i>Brown, Rogers and Brown,</i>	252 15 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Brown and Benson,</i>	565 0 6
<i>Jenckes; Winsor and Company,</i>	92 2 5
<i>Matthew Jenkins,</i>	14 12 10
<i>John Updike,</i>	7 17 10
<i>Monfieur Dubosq,</i>	13 7 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	£ 3260 2 10

*Providence, Feb. 25, 1785.*

WE the Subscribers, agreeable to our Appointment, have examined the preceding Account, exhibited to us by *Benjamin Bourne, Esq;* Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, of the Cash by him received from *June 24, 1784*, to this Day inclusive, and have carefully compared the same with the Vouchers. We find the said Account to be well vouched, and that a Balance of *Two Hundred and Eleven Pounds Fourteen Skillings and Ninepence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, due to the State, remains in the Hands of the said *Benjamin Bourne*.—*N. B.* His Commissions are not included in the above Account.

ESEK HOPKINS,  
CALEB HARRIS.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said Balance be carried to the Debet of the said *Benjamin Bourne*, in his new Account.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, B. Brenton* Lawful Money, be allowed to Mr. *Benjamin Brenton*, it being the allowed Value of the Stock taken from his Farm in *December, A. D. 1776*, £ 114. as estimated by the Committee appointed for that Purpose: And the General-Treasurer is hereby directed to give his promissory Note to the said *Benjamin Brenton* for the said Sum, payable in the same Manner and carrying Interest from the same Time as those heretofore ordered to be given to Persons for Stock taken from *Rhode-Island*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Sixteen Skillings*, Law- *S. Potter* ful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Stephen* lowed £ 4 *Potter, Esq;* in full of an Account exhibited by him for his Services as *16 s.* one of the Committee for valuing Stock taken from *Rhode-Island*.

WHEREAS

*N. Kingstown* WHEREAS the Town of *North-Kingstown* represented unto this Assembly, that the Collector of Rates for the said Town did, in the Year 1777, receive of *Sarah Slocum Twenty-four Dollars*, in counterfeit Bills, for a Tax assessed upon *Charles Slocum*, her late Husband, deceased, which have remained in the Treasury of the said Town to this Time; and prayed that the said Sum may be repaid out of the Estate of the said *Charles Slocum*, which hath been seized by the State: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the said Town deliver the said counterfeit Bills to his Excellency the Governor, who is hereby requested to cause them to be burnt: And that thereupon the General-Treasurer pay the Sum of *Six Pounds Five Shillings*, Lawful Money, to the said Town-Treasurer; it being the Value of the said Money, according to the Scale of Depreciation.

*Swedenborg* THE Resolve of Congress of the Third Day of *December* last being laid before this Assembly, and duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Charles Hellstedt*, Esq; therein named, be and he is hereby recognized as Consul in the United States from his Majesty the King of *Sweden*; and that the proper Notifications be issued agreeable to the said Resolve.

*Committee to enquire respecting C. Slocum's Estate.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Topham*, Esq; *Mr. George Champlin*, and *Caleb Gardner*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Amount of the Estate of *Charles Slocum*, late of *North-Kingstown*, deceased, which hath been paid into the General-Treasury: That they also ascertain the Amount of the Demands against the said Estate; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*Sales of the Estates of W. Pollock and R. Gardner postponed.* WHEREAS Executions have issued on certain Judgments obtained in Favour of the Town-Treasurer of *South-Kingstown*, against *Mr. William Wilson Pollock*, and *Mr. Richard Gardner*, late Collectors of Taxes for the said Town, for the Sums assigned to them to collect, and payable into the General-Treasury; which have been levied on the real Estates of the said Collectors, and no Person having appeared to purchase the same, the Sale thereof hath been adjourned from Time to Time, and now stands adjourned: Wherefore, to the End that no further Delay may take Place, in the Collection of the Money due as aforesaid, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Washington* be and he is hereby directed to adjourn the Sale of the said Premises until the First *Wednesday* in *April* next; and that the Attorney-General attend the Vendue, and purchase the same for the State, unless some Bid shall be made by some other Person nearly to the Value of the same.

*H. Barber* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto *Mr. Henry Barber*, out of the General-Treasury, it being in full for an Account by him exhibited for printing divers Resolves of Congress, Acts of Assembly, &c. agreeable to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-two Pounds Twelve Skillings and Tenpence Halfpenny, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Shearjashub Bourne, Esq; agreeable to the Report of the Committee who audited his Account, presented for repairing the State-House in Bristol.*

WHEREAS *Joseph Nightingale, Esq; and Mr. Paul Allen, presented unto this Assembly an Account of Mr. George Gibbs, for Repairs done to the State-House in Newport, of which the following is a State, together with their Report thereon. to wit :*

State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with George Gibbs,		Dr.
1785. } To Repairs made upon the State-House in		
Jan. 25. } Newport, as per Amount of the different	£ 490	5 9
	Bills,	
	To Commissions at 5 per Cent.	24 10 3
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		£ 514 16 0
	Deduct for overcharged in Commissions at	
	2½ per Cent.	12 5 1½
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		£ 502 10 10½
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	Creditor.	
	By an Order on the General-Treasurer,	£ 300 0 0
	Balance due to G. Gibbs,	202 10 10½
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		£ 502 10 10½

Newport, Feb. 8, 1785.

Errors excepted,

GEORGE GIBBS.

In Obedience to our Appointment, to examine and adjust the foregoing Account, we beg Leave to report, that we have carefully examined the same, by comparing it with the Vouchers, &c. and find a Balance due thereon to Mr. George Gibbs of Two Hundred and Two Pounds Ten Skillings and Tenpence Halfpenny, Lawful Money. Which is submitted, by your obedient humble Servants,

JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE, } Committee.  
PAUL ALLEN,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted ; and that the said Balance of Two Hundred and Two Pounds Ten Skillings and Tenpence Halfpenny, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto the said George Gibbs out of the General-Treasury.*

WHEREAS *Joseph Nightingale, Esq; and Mr. Paul Allen, presented unto this Assembly the State of an Account with Nathan Miller, Esq; together with their Report thereon, as follow, to wit :*

State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with Nathan Miller,		Dr.
January, } To Storage and Wharfage of the Iron, Shot		
1781. } and Pigs, belonging to the State,	£ 500	0 0
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		To

To Cash paid <i>John Child, Abner Luther,</i>	}	£ 42	0	0
and <i>Benjamin Bowen</i> , to help weigh Iron,				
To Ditto <i>Abiel Easterbrooks,</i>		9	0	0
To Ditto — <i>Bourne, of Bristol</i> , for Men,		36	0	0
To Ditto <i>E. Cole</i> , Vendue-Master, his Fees,		642	3	4
To Ditto the General-Treasurer,		9000	0	0
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		£ 10229	3	4
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## Creditor.

By 35 Tons of Iron Ballast, at £40 per Cwt.	£ 28000	0	0
By 4 Tons, 3 Cwt. and 7 lb. Ditto, at £ 39,	3322	16	0
By 11 Iron-bound Casks, at £ 41,	451	0	0
By 28 Cwt. 2 Qr. 17 lb. of Shot, at £ 54,	1512	0	0
By 4 Cwt. 2 Qr. 24 lb. of old Iron, at £ 100,	473	0	0
By 6 Cwt. and 17 lb. of a broken Anchor,	617	10	0
By 1 Nine-Pound Cannon,	2450	0	0
By 1 Twelve-Pound Ditto,	2750	0	0
By 1 Wreck.	6	6	0
By 1 Ditto,	135	0	0
By 1 Ditto,	3100	0	0
By 1 Ditto, at <i>Dyer's Island</i> ,	175	0	0
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	£ 42992	12	0

Errors excepted, per

NATHAN MILLER.

AGREEABLE to our Appointment, by the Honorable the Lower House of Assembly, to examine the foregoing Account, we do report, that we have carefully examined the same, and find a Balance due to the State of *Four Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, Silver Lawful Money, which became due the First Day of *January*, 1781. Which is submitted, by your obedient Servants,

JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE, } Committee.  
PAUL ALLEN,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said *Nathan Miller* pay the said Balance of *Four Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, into the General-Treasury.

Further Time allowed to *J. Rice* and *W. Burlingame* to collect Taxes. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Weeks, from the Rising of this Assembly, be and hereby are allowed to Messieurs *John Rice* and *William Burlingame*, to collect and pay into the General-Treasury the Deficiency of the Taxes committed to *Abel Bennet*, late Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Coventry*, to collect, for whom they were bound: That if the same shall not be then paid, the Estates of the said *John Rice* and *William Burlingame*, which have been attached, be sold at public Vendue, by the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, who is hereby fully empowered and directed to bid upon the same, in Behalf of the State, to the Amount of the Taxes which shall then be in Arrear, that the same may be discharged as soon as may be.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Action commenced in the Court of *Washington*, by the Tribe of *Indians*, against Mr. *Joseph Clarke*, *J. Clarke* suspended. and now pending before the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in that County, be and hereby is continued to the Term of the said Court to be holden in *August* next; and that in the mean Time *Ezek Hopkins*, *John Jencks*, and *Joseph Hoxsie*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to run out and ascertain the Line dividing the Lands belonging to the said Tribe of *Indians*, from the Lands belonging to the white Inhabitants of *Charlestown*; and that they make a Plat of the same, and of the Boundaries by them established.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Ten Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto the Representatives of *Samuel Vaughan*, deceased, out of the General-Treasury; it being in full Satisfaction of an Account charged by the said *Samuel Vaughan* for the nursing and funeral Expences of *Daniel Vaughan*, jun. late a Lieutenant in Capt. *John Garzia's* Company of Artillery, agreeable to the Report of a Committee who audited the same. The Representatives of *S. Vaughan* allowed £ 1 10s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Nine Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed unto *Edward Pierce*, in full for his Half-Pay up to *December* 15, 1784: That the same be paid out of the General-Treasury unto *Philip Pierce*, for his Use; and that the said *Edward Pierce* be enrolled upon the List of Pensioners. *E. Pierce* allowed £ 9.



An A C T laying a Duty upon imported Goods, and for collecting certain Taxes therein enumerated, for the Purpose of paying annually this State's Proportion of the national Debt, and furnishing the Treasury with Supplies for other Purposes.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof A C T laying a Duty on Goods. That the following Duties and Imposts be laid, levied and collected, upon the following Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this State from any foreign Port, Island or Plantation, to wit: Upon all Rum of *Jamaica Proof*, Four Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar per Gallon: Upon all other spirituous Liquors, Three Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar per Gallon: Upon *Madeira Wine*, Twelve Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar per Gallon: Upon all other Wines, Six Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar per Gallon: Upon common *Bohea Tea*, Six Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar per Pound: Upon all other Teas, Twenty-four Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar per Pound: Upon *Pepper*, Three Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar per Pound: Upon *brown Sugar*, One Half of a Ninetieth Part of a Dollar per Pound: Upon *Loaf Sugar*, Two Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar per Pound: Upon all other Sugar, One Ninetieth Part of a Dollar per Pound: Upon *Melassies*, One Ninetieth

*tieth Part of a Dollar per Gallon: Upon Cocoa and Coffee, One Nine-tieth Part of a Dollar per Pound: And upon all other Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this State from any foreign Port, Island or Plantation, a Duty of Five per Cent. ad Valorem, at the Time and Place of Importation.*

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Tax of One Spanish Silver milled Dollar upon every Hundred Acres of Land within this State, upon every male Poll in the State of Twenty-one Years of Age, and upon every Horse or Mare of Two Years old and upwards, shall be annually laid. levied and collected.*

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Collectors of the said Duties upon spirituous Liquors, and of the said Duty of Five per Cent. ad Valorem on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, shall be appointed by and be amenable to this General Assembly, according to the Laws of this State: That the said Land-Tax, the said Poll-Tax, and the said Tax upon Horses, shall be assessed by the Assessors of Taxes in the several Towns, on the Second Monday of June annually: That the said Assessors make a Return thereof to the General-Treasurer, within Twenty Days from that Time: That the General-Treasurer shall thereupon issue his Warrants to the respective Collectors for collecting the same, in Manner as is by Law directed for collecting the Taxes assessed by this Assembly: And that the same Proceedings be had, in case of Default of Duty in the Assessors and Collectors, as is by Law provided in the Collection of other Taxes:*

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That of the Money arising from the Duties upon imported Articles as aforesaid, the Sum of Eight Thousand Dollars shall be annually appropriated, in the General-Treasury of this State, for the Payment of the Interest of this State's Proportion of the foreign Debt of the United States, and shall be paid to the Order of the Congress of the United States: And that the Surplus of the Duties aforesaid, and the Amount of the Taxes aforesaid, shall be appropriated to the Payment of the Interest of the internal Debt of the United States, due within this State.*

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be in Force, and take Effect, whenever the other States in the Union shall agree to the Impost aforesaid, to the Acceptation of the United States in Congress assembled, and when they shall have provided other adequate Funds for compleating their respective Quotas of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, according to the Requisition of Congress of the Eighteenth Day of April, A. D. 1783. Provided however, and upon this express Condition, that no Duties shall be collected upon Articles imported into any State, upon which the said Duties have been paid in any other State: Nor shall any Duty be imposed by any one State upon the Citizens of another State, either upon imported Articles having paid the Duties as aforesaid, or upon any Articles of the Growth, Produce or Manufacture, of the United States.*

*AND*

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be in full Force for the Space of Twenty-five Years, from and after the Time it shall first take Effect, and no longer.*

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Laws now in Force for collecting the Duty of Two and an Half per Cent, upon imported Articles, shall be and remain in full Force until the further Orders of this Assembly.*



*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thomas Wells, and William Hammond, Esquires, who were heretofore appointed a Committee to make a final Settlement between Mr. Royzel Smith and this State, be continued a Committee for that Purpose, under the Direction of the Act passed at the last Session: That the Person of the said Royzel Smith be and hereby is further protected from Arrests, in civil Actions, until the End of the next Session of this Assembly: That in the mean Time the said Royzel Smith be and he hereby is disqualified from bringing any Action in this State; and that those already commenced by him be stayed until the said Session.*

Committee to  
adjust R.  
Smith's Ac-  
counts.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fifteen Shillings and Eightpence, G. Mumford Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury unto Gideon Mumford, Esq; for Postage of public Letters.*

G. Mumford  
allowed 15s.  
8d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Daniel Mason, Esq; Hopkins, Rowse J. Helme, Nathan Miller, and Benjamin Arnold, who were appointed a Committee to examine the Demands against the Estates of Joseph and William Wanton, be and they are hereby continued a Committee for the Purposes aforesaid: That they examine the whole Amount of the said Estates that has been sold; and that they make Report as soon as may be.*

Committee to  
adjust Claims  
against the  
Estates of J.  
and W. Wan-  
ton.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Henry Marchant, Rowse J. Helme, Paul Allen, Archibald Crary, and Nathan Miller, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draught an Act, laying an additional Duty upon Hats, Shoes, Boots, and such other Articles of foreign Manufacture as may be manufactured to Advantage within this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.*

Committee  
to prepare a  
Bill for laying  
Duties upon  
Hats, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seventeen Pounds Fifteen Shillings, N. Gardner, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Nicholas Gardner, jun. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for apprehending divers Persons concerned in counterfeiting Money, &c.*

N. Gardner,  
jun. allowed  
£ 17 15s.

## An ACT for compelling the Delinquents in procuring Recruits to pay their Fines.

Act to compel delinquent Classes to pay Fines.

**W**HEREAS certain Classes, to wit: One in *Warwick*; Two in *North-Kingstown*; Four in *South-Kingstown*; One in *Smithfield*; Seven in *Scituate* and *Foster*; Two in *West-Greenwich*; Seven in *Exeter*; and One in *Hopkinton*; did not procure the Recruits assigned them, to serve in the Army of the United States, pursuant to an Act of Assembly made in November, A.D. 1780; nor paid the Sum of Ninety Pounds, Silver Money, in Lieu thereof, in Pursuance of an Act passed in May last: And whereas in and by the first mentioned Act, the Persons hereafter named were appointed Committees to class the Inhabitants of their respective Towns, and to make Assessments on the Classes for defraying the Expenses of procuring the said Recruits, to wit: For *Warwick*, Messieurs *John Waterman*, *Robert Rhodes*, *Job Randall*, *Squire Millard*, and *Thomas Rice*: For *North-Kingstown*, Messieurs *John Allen*, *John Cotterel*, and *Job Card*: For *South-Kingstown*, Messieurs *Carder Hazard*, *Thomas Potter, jun.* *John Gardner*, *Robert Brown*, and *Samuel Babcock*: For *Smithfield*, Messieurs *Andrew Waterman*, *Daniel Mowry the Fourth*, *Edward Thompson*, *Peleg Arnold*, *William Aldrich*, and *Sylvanus Bucklin*: For *Scituate*, Messieurs *Stephen Kimbal*, *Joseph Knight*, *Samuel Wilbur*, *Isaac Hopkins*, and *Simeon Herrenden*: For *West-Greenwich*, Messieurs *Thomas Gorton*, *Joseph Hopkins*, *Samuel Hopkins, jun.* *Thomas Joslyn*, and *Jonathan Niles*: For *Exeter*, Messieurs *Pardon Tillinghast*, *Daniel Sunderlin*, and *Samuel Gorton*: And for *Hopkinton*, Messieurs *Edward Wells*, *John Maxson*, *Samuel Babcock*, *William Thurston*, *Robert Burdick*, and *Thomas Wells the Second*:

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committees make a Return to the General-Treasurer, on or before the First Day of *April* next, of the Names of the Sheriffs, Deputy-Sheriffs or Collectors, who have received the Assessments on the several Classes, made by them agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed at February Session, A.D. 1782: That in case the said Assessments have not been made, and delivered to any Officer to collect, then the said Committees shall return the Names of the Heads of the delinquent Classes to the General-Treasurer; who shall thereupon issue his Warrant against such delinquent Officer, or Head of such delinquent Class, returnable on the First Day of *May* next, directed to the Sheriff of the County, or to his Deputy, in which such delinquent Person resides, commanding him to levy and collect the Sum or Sums for which he is delinquent, of the Goods and Chattels of such delinquent Person, and for Want thereof to commit the delinquent Person to Gaol, there to remain until the Sum or Sums due as aforesaid shall be paid: And that if the said Committees shall neglect to make Return of the Persons delinquent as aforesaid to the General-Treasurer, within the Time aforesaid, then the General-Treasurer shall issue his Warrants in Manner as aforesaid against such delinquent Committees, for collecting the Sums deficient and due as aforesaid.

AND

AND whereas the Town of *Gloucester* is deficient One Recruit of the Number apportioned to the said Town as aforesaid, *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That if the Town-Treasurer of the said Town shall neglect to pay into the General-Treasury the said Sum of *Ninety Pounds*, within Thirty Days from the Rising of this Assembly, then the General-Treasurer shall issue his Warrant in Manner as aforesaid against the said Town-Treasurer, returnable on the said First Day of *May* next.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the public Securities of this State, carrying an Interest, be received in Payment for the Sums due as aforesaid. *Provided nevertheless*, That the Money already collected be paid into the General-Treasury, in Gold or Silver. And Interest shall be paid on the Sums due as aforesaid, from such delinquent Persons, from the Time the same became due.

*It is Ordered*, That Copies of this Act be transmitted to the General-Treasurer, to each of the aforesaid Committees, and to the Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Gloucester*.



WHEREAS *Welcome Arnold*, and *John Cooke*, Esquires, presented unto *R. Fry* and this Assembly the following State of an Account, for the Repairs of others allow. the State-House in *East-Greenwich*, together with their Report there- ed £ 42 1d. ½.  
on, to wit :

State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account for Repairs to the State-House  
in *East-Greenwich*, Dr.

1785. } February, }	To <i>Richard Fry</i> , Esq; as per Account;	£ 12 14 7
	To <i>William Hutton's</i> Bill,	0 18 0
	To <i>Micah Whitmarsh's</i> Ditto,	7 8 0
	To <i>Casby, Son and Greene's</i> Ditto,	2 8 1
	To <i>Samuel Smith's</i> Ditto,	1 11 2
	To <i>John Arnold's</i> Ditto,	5 10 7
	To <i>Daniel Pierce's</i> Ditto,	0 12 0
	To <i>Robert Potter's</i> Ditto,	1 12 0
	To <i>Jonathan Salisbury's</i> Ditto,	4 0 8½
	To <i>John Smith's</i> Ditto,	4 13 0
	To <i>Ezekiel Warner's</i> Ditto.	0 12 0
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		£ 42 0 1½

We being appointed a Committee to examine the foregoing Account, do report, that we have carefully examined the same, and compared it with the Vouchers; and find the Sum of *Forty-two Pounds and One Penny Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, justly due from this State to the above named Persons.

WELCOME ARNOLD, } Committee.  
JOHN COOKE, }

March 5, 1785.

AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sums, reported to be due to the above named Persons, be paid to them severally out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Irish* allowed 135 Dollars.

WHEREAS Col. *George Irish* hath represented to this Assembly, that he is willing to discharge Col. *Henry Babcock* from the Four several Actions he hath commenced against him, for the Sum of *One Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars*: And whereas it appears that the Causes of the aforesaid Actions arose, while the said *Henry Babcock* commanded a Brigade of Troops in the Service of this State, and that they relate to the killing of a valuable Horse belonging to the said *George Irish*, and to quartering Troops unnecessarily in his House, &c. And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars* be allowed and paid to the said *George Irish* out of the General-Treasury: That the said *Henry Babcock* be discharged and acquitted from the aforesaid Actions; and that he be released from the Custody of the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, upon his paying the Expence of his Commitment to the said Sheriff.

Further Time allowed *N. Kinyon* to pay for Part of the *Point Farm*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Four Months longer be and hereby is allowed to Mr. *Nathan Kinyon*, to compleat the Payment of Two-Third Parts of the Purchase Money of the Lot No. 3 of the *Point Farm* (so called) in *South-Kingstown*, he paying Interest thereon until paid.



## An ACT vesting Congress with the Power of regulating foreign Trade.

An vesting Congress with the Power of regulating foreign Trade.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Delegates of this State in Congress assembled be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in the Name and Behalf of this State, to agree to and ratify any Article or Articles, by which the United States in Congress assembled shall be empowered to regulate, restrain or prohibit, the Importation of all foreign Goods, in any Ships or Vessels other than those owned by the Citizens of the United States, or any of them, and navigated by Seamen Citizens of the United States, or such Proportion of Citizens of the United States, or any of them, as from Time to Time may be agreed upon by Nine States in Congress assembled. And the Article or Articles containing the Powers aforesaid, or a Power substantially the same, when agreed to by all the other States in the Union, shall be in Force Twenty-five Years, and no longer.



*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ninety Pounds, Lawful Money, be advanced and paid to William Ellery, Esq; and the like Sum to David Howell, Esq; or to their Orders, out of the General-Treasury; and that they account for the same.*

*W. Ellery and D. Howell allowed £ 90 each.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Ninety-six Dollars be allowed unto Rowland Robinson, Esq; being the Amount of a Claim by him exhibited against the Estate of George Rome, as adjusted by the Committee; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer's giving his Note therefor, in the same Manner as Notes for Claims against the Estates of Absentees have been heretofore ordered to be given.*

*R. Robinson allowed 196 Dollars.*

*WHEREAS Caleb Gardner, Esq; Mr. Daniel Mason, and John Topham, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:*

*Report of the Committee who sold confiscated Estates in Newport.*

*WE the Subscribers having in Pursuance of our Appointment made Sale of a certain Lot of Land, late belonging to Thomas Bannister, and of a Lot and Brew-House, late the Property of George Rome, beg Leave to report, that the same were sold at public Vendue: The Lot late belonging to Thomas Bannister, to Mr. Daniel Vaughan, for One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Lawful Money; and the Lot and Brew-House, late George Rome's, to Mr. Caleb Gardner, for Two Hundred and Seventy Pounds, Lawful Money, which Sums your Committee have paid into the General-Treasury. Your Committee not having been able to ascertain the Amount of the Mortgage of a Lot of Land made by Job Almy to Isaac Lawton, nor of the Mortgage of the House and Lot of Thomas Hazzard to Martin Howard, have not as yet made Sale thereof. All which is submitted, by your obedient Servants,*

*CALEB GARDNER,  
DANIEL MASON,  
JOHN TOPHAM, } Committee.*

*AND the said Report being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Committee lease the aforesaid mortgaged Estate of the said Job Almy for the ensuing Year.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Three Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. John Gardner, Vendue-Master of the City of Newport; it being the Amount of his Commissions, at Three Fourths of One per Centum, for selling the Lot and Brew-House late George Rome's, and the Lot late Thomas Bannister's.*

*J. Gardner allowed £ 3 3<sup>d</sup>.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid unto John Anthony, a wounded Soldier, out of the General-Treasury, in full for his Half-Pay up to the First Day of February, 1785.*

*J. Anthony allowed £ 3.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to John Bowles,*

*J. Bowles allowed £ 6 16<sup>s</sup>.*

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*Bowles*, it being the Amount of Two Months and Twenty-five Days Pay, due to him as Serjeant in Capt. *Samuel Phillips's* Company, in this State's Brigade, agreeable to the Report of a Committee appointed by the Lower House to examine his Petition.

*S. Southwick* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Eighteen Pounds, Lawful Money, be  
allowed £ 18. advanced and paid out of the General-Treasury unto *Solomon Southwick*,  
Esq; in Part of an Account by him exhibited for supplying Capt. *John*  
*Carr's* Company at *Newport*.

*J. Richards* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds Nine Shillings, Lawful  
allowed £ 3 Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *John*  
97. *Richards*, one of the Constables of *Newport*; it being the Amount of  
an Account by him exhibited, for apprehending and committing di-  
vers Thieves, &c.

*I. Pierce* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds Two Shillings, Lawful  
allowed £ 6 Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr.  
27. *Isaac Pierce*, in full Satisfaction of an Account by him presented for a  
Cart, Ox-Yoke, &c. furnished *Gideon Hoxie*, Esq; who improved this  
State's Farm on *Conanicut*, agreeable to the Report of the Committee  
who audited the same.

*Certificates* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Certificates received from the  
for the Nine Treasurer of the United States, in Payment of the Wages due to the  
Months Men Nine Months Levies, be delivered to Lieut. Col. *Jeremiah Olney*; and  
to be deliver- that he pay the same to the several Individuals to whom it is due, or  
ed to *J. Olney*. to their Representatives.

*E. Hopkins* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Eleven Pounds Fourteen Shillings,  
allowed £ 11 Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to  
141. *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him charg-  
ed against the State, for his Services as one of the Committee for settling  
the Depreciation Accounts of this State's Brigade.

*B. Bourne al-* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful  
lowed £ 6 Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Benjamin*  
121. *Bourne*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited,  
for his Services as one of the Committee for settling the Accounts of  
Depreciation with this State's Brigade.

*G. Arnold,* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Eighteen Shillings, Lawful Money,  
jun. allowed be allowed and paid to Mr. *George Arnold*, jun. out of the General-Trea-  
181. sury; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for going  
to *Providence* for an Act of Assembly, by Order of the Inferior Court  
in the County of *Kent*.

*B. Bourne al-* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound, Lawful Money, be  
lowed £ 1. allowed and paid to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury,  
for a Seal by him procured for the Office of the Collector of Impost  
for the County of *Providence*.

*IT*



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings, Law- *N. Cushing*  
 ful Money, be allowed and paid to Mr. *Nathaniel Cushing*, out of the allowed £ 3  
 General-Treasury; it being the Amount of an Account by him charged 12 s.  
 against the State, for his Services as Clerk of the Committee appointed  
 to settle the Accounts of Depreciation with this State's Brigade.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds Seven Shillings and *H. Rice* al-  
 Sixpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General- lowed £ 3  
 Treasury to Mr. *Henry Rice*; it being the Amount of his Account pre- 7 s. 6 d.  
 sented for a Room, &c. furnished for the Committee who settled the  
 Depreciation with this State's Brigade.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings, Lawful *T. Holden* al-  
 Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Thomas* lowed £ 16  
*Holden*, Esq; it being for his Services as Quarter-Master to the Brigade 10 s.  
 ordered to be raised at the Session in December, 1776.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Lawful *A. Greene*  
 Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. allowed £ 1  
*Abraham Greene*, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present 16 s.  
 Session, as a Waiter.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings, Law- *B. Bourne*  
 ful Money, be allowed and paid unto *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; out of the allowed £ 3  
 General-Treasury; it being the Amount of an Account by him ex- 12 s.  
 hibited for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session,  
 as Clerk of the Lower House.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Lawful *M. Whitmarsh*  
 Money, be allowed and paid to Mr. *Micah Whitmarsh* out of the Ge- allowed £ 1  
 neral-Treasury, for his Attendance as a Waiter upon this Assembly 16 s.  
 at the present Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Ten Shillings, Lawful *D. Pearce* al-  
 Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. lowed £ 1  
*Daniel Pearce*, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present 10 s.  
 Session, as a Waiter.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Executions and Proceedings, Executions  
 for the staying whereof Petitions are now pending before this Assem- where Peti-  
 bly, be and the same are hereby stayed until the next Session; except- tions are  
 ing the Execution of Mr. *Samuel Sweet* against *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; pending stay-  
 ed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assem- Adjournment:  
 bly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session:  
 That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed  
 by Beat of Drum, in the City of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the  
 Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the  
 Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted  
 to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this  
 Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the *Monday* next preceding  
 the First *Wednesday* in *May* next, then to meet at the State-House in  
*Newport*

*February, 1785.*

*Newport*; but if not called before nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be and hereby is dissolved.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS,

*Henry Ward Long*

May, 1785.

I

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and held at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Monday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, and in the Ninth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,  
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

*JABEZ BOWEN*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

<i>WELCOME ARNOLD</i> , Esq;	}	Assistants.
<i>THOMAS WELLS</i> , Esq;		
<i>RICHARD SEARLE</i> , Esq;		
<i>GIDEON MUMFORD</i> , Esq;		
<i>WILLIAM HAMMOND</i> , Esq;		
<i>GIDEON CLARK</i> , Esq;		
<i>THOMAS G. HAZARD</i> , Esq;		
<i>JOHN COOKE</i> , Esq;		
<i>JOHN SMITH</i> (of Gloucester) Esq;		

*HENRY SHERBURNE*, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT :

George Hazard *Esq*;  
 Henry Marchant, *Esq*;  
 George Champain, *Esq*;  
 John Topham, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Peleg Clarke,  
 Mr. Daniel Mafon.

## PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Paul Allen,  
 Charles Keene, *Esq*;  
 Jeremiah Olney, *Esq*;

## PORTSMOUTH :

Mr. Holder Chace,  
 John Thurston, *Esq*;  
 Benjamin Hall, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Benjamin Brownell.

## WARWICK :

Mr. Thomas Remington, jun,  
 Benjamin Arnold, *Esq*;

## WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Walter White.

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Edward Sands,  
 Mr. William Littlefield.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner, jun.  
 Mr. John Allen.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowse J. Helme, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Rowland Brown.

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Craty, *Esq*;  
 Benjamin Tillinghaft, *Esq*;

## JAMESTOWN :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Samuel Carr.

## SMITHFIELD :

Mr. Stephen Arnold, jun.  
 William Aldrich, *Esq*;

## SCITUATE :

Rufus Hopkins, *Esq*;  
 William West, *Esq*;

## GLOUCESTER :

Daniel Owen, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Simon Smith.

## CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, jun. *Esq*;  
 James Congdon, *Esq*;

## WEST-GREENWICH :

Samuel Hopkins, *Esq*;  
 Pardon Tillinghaft, *Esq*;

## COVENTRY :

Mr. Jeremiah Fenner,  
 Isaac Johnston, *Esq*;

## EXETER :

Mr. Hopson Wilcox,  
 Mr. Job Wilcox.

## MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Nicholas Easton,  
 Mr. Thomas Coggeshall.

## BRISTOL :

William Bradford, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Stephen Smith.

## TIVERTON :

Mr. Nathaniel Briggs,  
 Mr. Benjamin Howland.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. William Ladd,  
 Mr. William Brown.

## WARREN :

Nathan Miller, *Esq*;  
 Robert Carr, *Esq*;

## CUMBERLAND :

James Lovett, *Esq*;  
 Jotham Carpenter, *Esq*;

## RICHMOND :

James Sheldon, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Thomas James.

## CRANSTON :

William Field, *Esq*;  
 Israel Gorton, *Esq*;

## HOPKINTON :

Mr. Oliver Davis,  
 Mr. Thomas Wells the 2d.

## JOHNSTON :

Peleg Williams, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Isaac Fisk.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezek Hopkins, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Edward Smith.

## BARRINGTON :

Josiah Humphrey, *Esq*;  
 Samuel Allen, *Esq*;

## FOSTER :

John Williams, *Esq*;  
 William Tyler, *Esq*;

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esquire, was chosen Speaker, and  
 BENJAMIN BOURNE, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

**T**HIS being the Anniversary Election of all Officers, both civil and military, in and throughout the State, for the ensuing Year, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit*:

HIS Excellency WILLIAM GREEN, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

THE Honorable JABEZ BOWEN, Esq; Deputy-Governor. Engaged.

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

THOMAS WELLS, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.

RICHARD SEARLE, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

GIDEON CLARKE, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

JOHN COOK, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

JOHN SMITH (of Gloucester) Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

HENRY WARD, Esq; Secretary.

WILLIAM CHANNING, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.

JOSEPH CLARK, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

DELEGATES to represent the State in CONGRESS.

THE Honorable JOHN BROWN, Esq;

THE Honorable GEORGE CHAMPLIN, Esq;

THE Honorable PAUL MUMFORD, Esq;

THE Honorable PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

IN Council was read the following Return of the Officers to command the Gloucester Light-Infantry Company for the Year ensuing, *to wit*:

*Elijah Armstrong*, Captain.

*Ephraim Brown*, First Lieutenant.

*Stephen Cooper*, Second Lieutenant.

*Elisba Brown*, jun. Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Election of the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Gaol Delivery be, and the same is hereby postponed, until the next Session: And that the present Justices of the said Court be continued in their Offices till the Rising of this Assembly at the said Session.

BOTH

Officers  
chosen.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee proceeded upon the Election and chose the following Gentlemen. *to wit* :

<i>William Richmond</i> , Esq; Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> .
<i>Christopher Ellery</i> , Esq; Second	
<i>Timothy Waterhouse</i> , Esq; Third	
<i>Thomas Shearman</i> , Esq; Fourth	
<i>Henry Blifs</i> , Esq; Fifth	

<i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq; Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> .
<i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq; Second	
<i>Caleb Aldrich</i> , Esq; Third	
<i>Caleb Fisk</i> , Esq; Fourth	
<i>Caleb Harris</i> , Esq; Fifth	

<i>Carder Hazard</i> , Esq; Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Washington</i> .
<i>Edward Perry</i> , Esq; Second	
<i>Joseph Hoxsie</i> , Esq; Third	
<i>Robert Stanton</i> , Esq; Fourth	
<i>Sylvester Gardner</i> , Esq; Fifth	

<i>John Child</i> , Esq; Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> .
<i>John Usher</i> , Esq; Second	
<i>William T. Miller</i> , Esq; Third	
<i>Elkanah Humphrey</i> , Esq; Fourth	
<i>John Waldron</i> , Esq; Fifth	

<i>Stephen Potter</i> , Esq; Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> .
<i>Rufus Spencer</i> , Esq; Second	
<i>Thomas Rice</i> , Esq; Third	
<i>Thomas Gorton</i> , Esq; Fourth	
<i>William Greene</i> (Søn of Philip) Esq; Fifth	

*John Foster*, Esq; Judge of the Court of Admiralty, within and throughout the State

*Walter Channing*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

*Daniel Cooke*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

*Nathaniel Helme*, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, within and for the County of *Washington*.

*Jonathan Russell*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

*Andrew*

*Andrew Boyd*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

*Constant Taber*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

*Arthur Fenner*, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

*George H. Peckham*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Washington*.

*Daniel Bradford*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

*Hopkins Cooke*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

*William Davis*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

*Ephraim Bowen*, jun. Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

*Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*.

*Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

*Richard Fry*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

*Thomas Rumreill*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*.

*Henry Ward*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Providence*.

*Jonathan Russell*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Bristol*.

*Stephen Mumford*, Esq; intendant of Trade for the Port of *Greenwich*.

*Christopher Ellery* Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Newport*.

*Samuel Chase*, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

# JUSTICES of the PEACE.

<i>Providence :</i>	Theodore Foster,	Thomas Truman,
Samuel Chace,	Nathaniel Wheaton,	James Brown,
John Foster,	James Arnold,	Daniel Cooke,
	B	John

John Dorrance,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
Esquires.

*Portsmouth :*

John Shearman,  
John Thurston,  
William Anthony,  
Thomas Potter,  
Esquires.

*Warwick :*

Robert Rhodes,  
James Jerauld,  
Thomas Greene (Son  
of Richard)  
Thomas Rice (Son  
of Thomas)  
John Stafford,  
Esquires.

*Westerly :*

Joseph Crandall,  
Joseph Clarke,  
Joseph Maxson,  
Simeon Burdick,  
Esquires.

*North-Kingstown :*

Eber Shearman,  
George Thomas (Son  
of Samuel)  
Caleb Hill,  
Benedict Dayton,  
Thomas Clarke,  
Joshua Davis,  
Jonathan Bates,  
Esquires.

*South-Kingstown :*

Freeman Perry,  
Nathaniel Gardner,  
Samuel Perry,  
Caleb Tefft,  
George H. Peckham,  
Nathaniel Perkins,  
Daniel Sheaman, jun.  
Esquires.

*East-Greenwich :*

Hopkins Cooke,  
Preserved Pearce,  
Allen Johnson,  
Mumford Davis,  
Andrew Boyd,  
George Tillinghast,  
Esquires.

*Smithfield :*

Uriah Alverfon,  
Stephen Brayton,  
Abr. Mathewson,  
Peleg Arnold,  
Jonathan Dexter,  
Esquires.

*Gloucester :*

Silas Williams,  
Jonathan Harris,  
Zebedee Hopkins,  
Elisha Bartlett,  
Aaron Arnold,  
John Smith (Son of  
Benjamin)  
Timothy Wilmarth,  
Amos Winfor,  
William Arnold,  
Esquires.

*Scituate :*

Benjamin Slack,  
Jeremiah Angell,  
Peleg Fisk,  
Asahel Harris,  
John Harris,  
Thomas Mowrey,  
Esquires.

*Charlestown :*

Peleg Cross,  
James Congdon,  
Simeon Babcock,  
Esquires.

*West-Greenwich :*

Benjamin Johnson,  
Jonathan Niles,  
Jonathan Deane,  
Thomas Joslyn,  
Gideon Waite,  
Thomas Tillinghast,  
Esquires.

*Coventry :*

John Rice,  
William Stone, jun.  
Isaac Johnson,  
Wm. Burlingame,  
Stephen Greene,  
Esquires.

*Exeter :*

George Pierce,  
Daniel Sunderlin,  
Samuel Gorton,  
Phinehas Kinyon,  
Nicholas Gardner

(Son of Ezekiel)  
Esquires.

*Middletown :*

Joseph Peabody,  
Salisbury Stoddard,  
Joshua Barker,  
Esquires.

*Bristol :*

Daniel Bradford,  
Josiah Finney,  
Jonathan Russell,  
Esquires.

*Tiverton :*

Walter Cooke,  
Gilbert Devol,  
Lemuel Tabor,  
Thomas Durfee,  
Thomas Howland,  
Esquires.

*Little-Compton :*

Philip Taylor,  
Adam Simmons,  
Nathaniel Searle,  
Enos Giffard,  
Esquires.

*Warren :*

William Barton,  
Daniel Cole,  
Joseph Smith,  
Esquires.

*Cumberland :*

John Dexter,  
Nath. Shepardson,  
Jotham Carpenter,  
Levi Ballou,  
Esquires.

*Richmond :*

Thomas Tefft,  
Simeon Clarke, jun.  
James Sheldon,  
Peter Clarke,  
Samuel Clarke,  
Esquires.

*Cranston :*

Nehemiah Knight,  
Elisha Carpenter,  
Stephen Sprague,  
Richard Knight,  
John Stafford,  
Esquires.

*Hopkinton :*

Edward Wells,  
Francis



Francis West,	Joseph Burden, jun.	<i>Barrington :</i>
Robert Burdick,	Israel Angell,	Samuel Allen,
Henry Clarke,	Esquires.	Edward Bosworth,
Esquires.	<i>North-Providence :</i>	Solomon Townsend,
<i>Johnston :</i>	William Bagley,	jun.
Abraham Belknap,	Hope Angell,	Moses Tyler,
Noah Mathewson,	Caleb Jenckes,	Esquires.
Andrew Harris,	Esquires.	

*Robert Crooke*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Newport*.

*Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*.

*George Thomas* (Son of *Samuel*) Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Washington*.

*William Barton*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*.

*James Mitchel Varnum*, Esq; Major-General of the Militia of the State.

*Nathan Miller*, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia of the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*.

*Christopher Lippitt*, Esq; Brigadier General of the Militia of the County of *Providence*.

*Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia of the County of *Washington*.

*Thomas Holden*, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia of the County of *Kent*.

*Christopher Olney*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*John Gavet*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the first Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

*John Dexter*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Coggeshall Olney*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Charles Dyre*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

*Archibald Kaffon*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Stephen*

*Stephen Kimbal*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Thomas Potter*, jun. Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

*Stephen Winsor*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*John Whipple*, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Joel Aldrich*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*George Dorrance*, Esq; Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Samuel Mayes*, Esq; Major of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*George Stillman*, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

*Jonathan Bates*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

*Samuel Potter*, Esq; Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

*Job Randall*, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Thomas Gorton*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Simeon Thayer*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*William Aldrich*, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Robert Carr*, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*Archibald Crary*, Esq; Adjutant-General of the Militia in this State.

*Ephraim Bowen*, jun. Esq; Quarter-Master-General of the Militia in this State.

*Charles*

*Charles Holden*, jun. Esq; Commissary-General of the Militia in this State.

*Isaac Senter*, Esq; Physician and Purveyor-General of the Militia in this State.

Officers to command the several Companies in the respective Regiments of Militia in the State, *to wit* :

First Regiment in the County of

*Providence,*  
*Providence :*

Senior-Class Company,  
Benjamin Hoppin, Captain,  
Samuel Black, Lieutenant,  
Gabriel Allen, Ensign.

First Company,  
Joseph Allen, Captain,  
Isaac Bowen, Lieutenant,  
Jeremiah Jenckes, Ensign.

Second Company,  
Grindal Reynolds, Captain,  
Robert Taylor, jun. Lieutenant,  
Johh Young, Ensign.

Third Company,  
James Wheaton, Captain,  
John Mawney, Lieutenant,  
Job Sheldon, Ensign.

Fourth Company,  
Joseph Snow, jun. Captain,  
Lemuel Field, Lieutenant,  
James Snow, jun. Ensign.

*Cranston :*

First Company,  
Oliver Robert, Captain,  
Nathan Salisbury, Lieutenant,  
Peter Stone, jun. Ensign.

Second Company,  
Frederick Williams, Captain,  
Nathaniel Carpenter, Lieut.  
John Harris, Ensign.

Third Company,  
Pardon Burlingame, Captain,  
Gideon Manchester, Lieutenant,  
Pardon Gorton, Ensign.

Senior-Class Company in the  
Towns of *Johnston* and *North-*  
*Providence :*

Israel Angell, Captain,  
John Violl, Lieutenant,  
Christopher Whipple, Ensign. C

*Johnston :*

Second Company,  
Ezekiel Olney, Captain,  
Jonathan Patt, Lieutenant,  
Rufus Hawkins, jun. Ensign.

*North-Providence* Company :  
Thomas Olney, jun. Captain,  
Ethan Whipple, Lieutenant,  
Ezekiel Whipple, Ensign.  
First Regiment in the County  
of *Washington :*

*Westerly :*

Senior-Class Company,  
Peleg Berry, Captain,  
Stephen Saunders, Lieutenant,  
Nathaniel Lewis, Ensign.

First Company,  
Oliver Lewis, Captain,  
Thomas Brand, Lieutenant,  
Nathan Pendleton, Ensign.

Second Company,  
William Bliven, Captain,  
Joseph Peckham, Lieutenant,  
James Ros, Ensign.

Third Company,  
Afa Maxson, Captain,  
Samuel Clarke, Lieutenant,  
James Stillman, jun. Ensign.

Fourth Company,  
Walter White, Captain,  
Charles Saunders, Lieutenant,  
Henry Crandall, Ensign.

*Charlestown :*

Senior-Class Company,  
Joseph Wilcox, Captain,  
Samuel Thompson, Lieutenant,  
Charles Church, Ensign.

Second Company,  
Samuel Perry, Captain,  
Joseph Kinyon, Lieutenant,  
William Kinyon, Ensign.

*Hopkinton :*

Senior-Class Company,  
 Elnathan Wells, Captain,  
 Elias Coone, Lieutenant,  
 Jesse Burdick, Ensign.  
 First Company,  
 Henry Wells, Captain,  
 Sylvanus Maxson, Lieutenant,  
 Thomas Wells, jun. Ensign.  
 Second Company,  
 Randall Wells, Captain,  
 Clarke Maxson, Lieutenant,  
 Jeffery Champlin, Ensign.  
 Third Company,  
 Zaccheus Maxson, Captain,  
 Moses Barber, Lieutenant,  
 George Maxson, Ensign.  
 Fourth Company,  
 Ichabod Paddock, Captain,  
 Caleb Church, Lieutenant,  
 Joshua Tanner, Ensign.  
 Senior Class Company, in the  
 County of *Bristol*,  
 Benjamin Bosworth, Captain,  
 Shubael Kinnicutt, Lieutenant,  
 Daniel Kinnicutt, Ensign.  
 First Regiment in the County of  
*Kent*.  
 Senior Class Company in the  
 Towns of *Warwick* and *East-*  
*Greenwich*,  
 Robert Rhodes, Captain,  
 Hopkins Cooke, Lieutenant,  
 Peleg Whitman, Ensign.  
*Warwick* :  
 First Company.  
 James Arnold, jun. Captain,  
 Adam Lockwood, Lieutenant,  
 Job Whipple, Ensign.  
 Second Company,  
 Benjamin Remington, Captain,  
 Nathan Arnold, Lieutenant,  
 Nicholas Arnold, Ensign.  
 Third Company,  
 Anthony Holden, Captain,  
 Josephus Rice, Lieutenant,  
 Arnold Potter, Ensign.  
*East-Greenwich* :  
 First Company,  
 Micah Whitmarsh, Captain,  
 James Millard, Lieutenant,  
 Stephen Arnold, Ensign.  
 Second Regiment in the County

of *Newport*.  
*Tiverton* :  
 First Company,  
 Joseph Baley, Captain,  
 Sanford Almy, Lieutenant,  
 William Sanford, jun. Ensign.  
 Second Company,  
 Benjamin Howland, Captain,  
 Benjamin Devol, Lieutenant,  
 Philip Briggs, Ensign.  
 Third Company,  
 Edward Baley, Captain,  
 Peleg Sanford, Lieutenant,  
 Godfrey Perry, Ensign.  
*Little-Compton* :  
 First Company,  
 Benjamin Coe, Captain,  
 Isaac Wood, Lieutenant,  
 John Bailey, Ensign.  
 Second Company,  
 Rowse Pierce, Captain,  
 John Pierce, Lieutenant,  
 Zebedee Manchester, Ensign.  
 Second Regiment in the Coun-  
 ty of *Providence*.  
*Smithfield* :  
 Senior-Class Company,  
 Job Mowry, Captain,  
 George Streeter, Lieutenant,  
 Abraham Winsor, jun. Ensign.  
 First Company,  
 Benjamin Ballou, Captain,  
 Daniel Sayles, Lieutenant,  
 Joshua Jenckes, Ensign.  
 Second Company,  
 Ebenezer Trask, Captain,  
 Samuel Aldrich, the 5th, Lieut.  
 Daniel Arnold, Ensign.  
 Third Company,  
 Samuel Holmes, Captain,  
 Zenos Winsor, Lieutenant,  
 Thomas Appleby, Ensign.  
 Second Regiment in the County  
 of *Washington*.  
*North-Kingstown* :  
 Senior-Class Company,  
 Samuel Phillips, sen. Captain,  
 Samuel Northup, Lieutenant,  
 Samuel Bissell, Ensign.  
 First Company,  
 Samuel Dyer, Captain,  
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Stukely Hill, Lieutenant.

John Spink, Ensign.

Second Company,

John Brown, jun. Captain,

George Thomas, jun. Lieut.

Joshua Brown, Ensign.

Third Company,

Henry Northup, Captain,

Hutchinson Cole, Lieutenant,

Samuel Allen, Ensign.

Fourth Company,

Nathaniel Shearman, Captain,

Robert Eldred, Lieutenant,

John Shearman (Son of Henry)

Ensign.

*Exeter :*

Senior-Class Company,

David Herrenden, Captain,

Samuel Bissell, Lieutenant,

Oliver Spink, Ensign.

First Company,

James Gardner, Captain,

Philip Tillinghast, Lieutenant,

Noah Wilcox, Ensign.

Second Company,

Samuel Gorton, Captain,

Robert Perrigo, Lieutenant

Nathaniel Pierce, Ensign.

Second Regiment in the County  
of Kent.

*West-Greenwich :*

Senior-Class Company,

Joseph Hopkins, jun. Captain,

Benjamin Johnson, Lieutenant,

Caleb Greene (Son of Benjamin)  
Ensign.

First Company,

Samuel Hopkins, jun. Captain,

Joseph Niles, Lieutenant,

Joseph Doliver, Ensign.

Second Company,

Caleb Greene, Captain,

Joseph Weaver, Lieutenant,

Peleg Sweet, Ensign.

Third Company,

Joseph Draper, Captain,

Joseph James, Lieutenant,

Peleg Sweet, Ensign,

*Coveutry :*

Senior-Class Company,

Abel Bennet, Captain,

Job Greene (Son of Charles)

Lieutenant,

Joseph Manchester, Ensign.

First Company,

Job Greene, jun. Captain,

Noel Potter, Lieutenant,

Jeremiah Fenner, jun. Ensign.

Second Company,

William Roy, Captain,

Lory Jenckes, Lieutenant,

Oliver Wickes, Ensign.

Third Company,

Langford Weaver, Captain.

Samuel Greene (Son of Nath.)

Lieutenant,

William Stone, the 3d. Ensign.

Fourth Company,

Joseph Rice, Captain,

Abel Gibbs, Lieutenant,

Archibald Bates, Ensign.

Third Regiment in the County  
of Providence.

*Scituate :*

Senior-Class Company,

Nathan Relph, Captain,

Joseph Kimball, Lieutenant,

Nathaniel Lovell, Ensign.

First Company,

John Potter, Captain,

Zebedee Snow, Lieutenant,

Oliver Leach, Ensign.

Second Company,

Coomer Smith, Captain,

Caleb Westcott, Lieutenant,

Stephen Randall, Ensign.

Third Company,

Benjamin Wood, Captain,

Gideon Austin, jun. Lieutenant,

Thomas Weaver, Ensign.

*Foster :*

Senior-Class Company,

James Tyler, Captain,

Nehemiah Angell, Lieutenant,

Hope Smith, Ensign.

First Company,

Isaac Blanchard, Captain,

John Johnson, Lieutenant,

John Baker, Ensign.

Second Company,

Isaac Paine, Captain,

John Cole, Lieutenant,

Richard Cole, Ensign.

Third

Third Company,  
William Howard, Captain,  
James Wells, Lieutenant,  
Samuel Perkins, jun. Ensign.

Fourth Company,  
Christopher Colwell, Captain,  
Squire Bucklin, jun. Lieutenant,  
John Round, jun. Ensign.

Third Regiment in the County  
of *Washington*,

*South-Kingstown:*

Senior-Class Company,  
William Taylor, Captain,  
Gardner W. Mumford, Lieut.  
James Cotterell, Ensign.

First Company,  
Timothy Lock, jun. Captain,  
Daniel Tefft, Lieutenant,  
William Streadman, Ensign.

Second Company,  
Paris Gardner, Captain,  
Elisba Potter (Son of Benjamin)  
Lieutenant,  
Timothy Peckham, Ensign.

Third Company,  
Thomas Champlin, Captain,  
John Weeden, Lieutenant,  
Joseph Hull, jun. Ensign.

Fourth Company,  
Daniel Shearman, Captain,  
Jeremiah Knowles, Lieutenant.  
John Gardner, jun. Ensign.

*Richmond:*

Senior-Class Company,

John Woodmanfie, jun. Capt.  
Smiting Potter, Lieutenant,  
Christopher Clarke, Ensign.

First Company,  
George Webb, jun. Captain,  
Robert James, Lieutenant,  
Income Potter, Ensign.

Second Company,  
Samuel Stanton, Captain,  
Thomas W. Kinyon, Lieutenant,  
Thomas Potter, Ensign.

Fourth Regiment in the County  
of *Providence.*

*Gloucester:*

Senior-Class Company,  
Benajah Whipple, Captain,  
Ezekiel Phettiplace, Lieutenant,  
Edward Salisbury, Ensign.

First Company,  
Henry Wheeler, Captain,  
Simeon Bowen, Lieutenant,  
Jeremiah Phillips, jun. Ensign.

Second Company,  
Arnold Smith, Captain,  
Abner Chillson, Lieutenant,  
Israël Cooke, Ensign.

Third Company,  
Nathaniel Wade, Captain,  
John Pray, Lieutenant,  
Esek Brown, Ensign.

Fourth Company,  
Isaac Rofs, Captain,  
Jeremiah Irons, Lieutenant,  
Seth Rofs, Ensign.

Artillery Of-  
ficers in  
*Providence.*

IN Council was read the following Return of the Officers chosen to command the United Company of Artillery, in the Town of *Providence*, for the Year ensuing, *to wit:*

*Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; Colonel, *Levi Hall*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, *Robert Taylor*, Esq; Major, *Gershom Jones*, Captain, *Isaac Barker*, Lieutenant: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and they are hereby approved.

*T. Gould's*  
Petition re-  
ferred to a  
Committee.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of *Thomas Gould*, jun. preferred unto this Assembly, and praying that an Allowance may be made him for Forty-Five Sheep taken from him in the Year 1776, by Order of Government, be and the same is hereby referred to the Determination of Messieurs *George Champlin* and *John Thurston*; and that they make Report thereof to this Assembly as soon as may be.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. George Gibbs be, and he is hereby added, to the Committee heretofore appointed to repair Fort Liberty, on Goat-Island, in the Harbour of Newport, agreeable to a Resolution of this Assembly, at the Session in October last: And that the said Committee proceed on the said Business as soon as may be.

G. Gibbs added to the Committee to repair Fort Liberty.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs Henry Marchant, Paul Allen, Rowse J. Helme, and Archibald Crary, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the Petition of the Artificers of the City of Newport, to draught an Act agreeable thereto, and make Report thereof to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to consider the Petition of the Artificers of Newport.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to give his Note, payable on Demand, with Interest, to Mrs. Esther Gardner, for the Sum of Eight Pounds, lawful Money, it being reported by the Committee appointed for that Purpose to be in full for a Cedar Boat and Nine Oars belonging to Mr. Silas Gardner, taken into public Service in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven: And that the same be charged to the United States.

E. Gardner allowed £8.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Sixteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed to Mr. Giles Slocum, it being reported to be due to him for Stock drove off his Estate in December, 1776: And that the General-Treasurer give his Note for the same, payable on Demand, with Interest.

G. Slocum allowed £16 16s.



An ACT to incorporate certain Persons, by the Name of the AMICABLE CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY, in the Town of Tiverton, in the County of Newport, in this State.

WHEREAS divers persons have petitioned this Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, whereby they may be enabled to promote certain Purposes herein after mentioned: Therefore,

An Act incorporating the Amicable Congregational Society in Tiverton.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That Messieurs Lemuel Baley, William Whitridge, Abraham Brown, Lemuel Taber, John Sawyer, Josiah Sawyer, Joseph Taber, William Ladd, Pardon Gray, Sion Seabury, Giles Pearse, Eli Handy, Nathaniel Pearse, William Sanford, Joseph Seabury, John Borden, Isaac Taber, Peleg Simmons, jun. Moses Simmons, Thomas Butts, Joseph Sanford, John Westgate Seabury, Philip Seabury, William Sanford, jun. Isaac Brown, Benjamin Brown, Ichabod Taber, Ichabod Willistone, George Borden, Benjamin Sawdey, Philip Gray,

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and *Pardon Gray*, jun. together with such others as they shall elect from Time to Time, shall be forever hereafter a Body corporate and politic, in Fact and Name, by the Name of the Amicable Congregational Society, in the Town of *Tiverton*, in the County of *Newport*, in the State aforesaid, for the Purpose of raising a Fund, by free and voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies, and Donations, for the Support of public Worship in the Congregational Society, in the Town of *Tiverton* aforesaid, of which the Reverend *Othniel Campbell* was the late Pastor. And the said Amicable Society is hereby empowered to take, receive, and hold, all and any voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies, and Donations, of any Sum or Sums of Money, or of any real or personal Estate; and also to have, possess, or acquire, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Goods and Chattels whatsoever, to them and their Successors; and the same to lett and lease under their Seal, at their own Will and Pleasure; and shall and may be capable in Law as a Body corporate, to sue and be sued, to plead and to be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and to be defended against, in all Courts and Places, and before all proper Judges whatsoever, in all and singular Suit and Suits, Causes and Actions, of what Kind soever, in the fullest and amplest Manner. And if it shall happen that the said Amicable Society shall become seized of Lands or Tenements by Mortgage, as Security for Payment of any Debt or Debts, or by levying Execution on Lands or Tenements, for discharging any Debt or Debts that shall be due to the said Amicable Society, it shall be lawful for them, by Deed under their Seal, to sell and convey the Lands and Tenements acquired by either of the said two mentioned Ways.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That there shall be a Meeting of the said Amicable Society, in the said Town of *Tiverton*, on the First *Tuesday* in *June* yearly, forever; at which Time, for the better ordering and managing the Affairs of the said Amicable Society, they shall, out of their own Body politic, by a Majority of the Members present, elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other Officers as they shall judge needful; and all Officers chosen as aforesaid shall, before they are qualified to act, be sworn to the faithful Performance of their respective Trusts.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That there shall be a Meeting of the said Amicable Society, at *Tiverton* aforesaid, on the First *Monday* in *March*, in every Year, and oftener, when and where they shall think needful and fit.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Amicable Society shall have a common Seal, which it shall be lawful for them to alter, change, break, and make anew at Pleasure; and that the said Amicable Society, by the Name aforesaid, and their Successors, shall have perpetual Succession.

*AND*



*AND be it further Enacted, That the aforesaid Lemuel Baley be the First President, the aforesaid William Whitridge the First Vice-President, the aforesaid Abraham Brown the First Treasurer, and the aforesaid Lemuel Taber the First Secretary, of the said Amicable Society, and to continue in their respective Offices until the First Tuesday in June next.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Donations to the said Amicable Society, by voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy, or otherwise (excepting such as shall be differently appropriated by the Donors) shall make a Part of, and be put into the capital Stock or Fund of the said Amicable Society, and shall be put out on Interest on good Security for one Year, or otherwise improved to the best Advantage ; and the Income or Profits thereof shall solely be applied and appropriated to the Support of public Worship in the aforesaid Amicable Society, until the Interest shall exceed the Sum said Society shall deem sufficient for the Support of the Pastor thereof ; the Overplus to be appropriated to such other Use as a Majority of the said Amicable Society shall order and determine, at any regular stated Meeting.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Amicable Society, at any of their Meetings, may elect into their Body, such Persons as they shall judge proper, and may appoint a Committee or Committees to prosecute the Orders of the said Amicable Society, audit the Treasurer's Accounts, and prepare Matters for the Society to act upon ; and that the said Amicable Society shall have, and there is hereby granted unto them, at any of their stated Meetings, full Power to make such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws, and to alter the same, as they shall judge needful for the better Government of the said Amicable Society ; provided that such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of this State, or the Design of their Institution.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That any Nine of the Members (the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary always to be one) being convened at any regular Time of Meeting, are hereby declared to be a Quorum of the said Society.*

*AND to the End, that the Members of the said Amicable Society, and all Contributors thereto, may know the State of their Stock, and the Disposition of the Profits thereof,*

*BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a particular Account of such Stock and Disposition shall be exhibited by the Treasurer, at every quarterly Meeting, and be examined by a Committee of the said Amicable Society, who, upon finding it to be true, shall certify the same in Writing under their Hands ; and fair Entries shall be made, in proper Books provided for the Purpose, of all Donations, Legacies, Subscriptions, and Contributions, made*



February.	To Amount of Ditto, from January	}	£ 1013	12	11½
	1, to February 28, as per Accounts rendered,				
March and April.	To Amount of sundry Orders drawn by Ditto, in favour of divers Persons, as per Accounts delivered,	}	546	14	20½
Balance due to the State,			£ 3348	4	2
			44	6	9
			£ 3392	10	11

Creditor.

1784.	By Balance due on the Settlement of my last Account, after deducting £ 4 7 1½ for Salt, credited twice in said Account,	}	£ 77	0	9½
	By Cash received of divers Persons for Impost Duties for the Month of April, per Account				
	By Ditto, May Ditto,		117	19	10
	By Ditto, June Ditto,		356	19	10½
	By Ditto, July Ditto,		135	18	11
	By Ditto, August Ditto,		197	4	1½
	By Ditto, September Ditto,		143	9	1½
	By Ditto, October Ditto,		355	18	6½
	By Ditto, November Ditto,		368	4	3½
	By Ditto, December Ditto,		819	11	3
1785.	By Ditto, January Ditto,		452	17	0½
	By Ditto, February Ditto,		457	1	5½
	By Ditto, March Ditto,		169	7	3½
	By Ditto, April Ditto,		319	13	11½
			£ 3392	10	11

We the Subscribers, agreeably to our Appointment, have examined the Accounts of *Robert Crooke, Esq;* Collector of Impost for the County of *Neauport*, and have carefully compared the same with the Vouchers; we find the said Account to be well vouched; and a Balance of *Forty-four Pounds Six Shillings and Nine Pence*, lawful Money, due to the State, remaining in the Hands of the said *Robert Crooke*, agreeably to the Account current herewith presented.

ESEK HOPKINS,  
CALEB HARRIS.

N. B. His Commissions are not included in the above Account.

Providence, May 3, 1785

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State

State of Rhode-Island, Dr.  
 To our Time in performing the above Ser- } £ 1 16  
 vice, 2 Days each, at 9s.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted: That the said Account be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, unto the said *Ezek Hopkins* and *Caleb Harris*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Slocum* al-  
 lowed £ 8  
 10s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eight Pounds Ten Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed to Mr. *Ebenezer Slocum*: That the General-Treasurer give his Note therefor, payable on Demand, with Interest; the said Sum being reported by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, to be in full for a Whale-Boat and Eight Oars, belonging to the said *Ebenezer Slocum*, taken into public Service in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, and lost: And that the same be charged to the United States.

*E. Gardner*  
 allowed £ 12.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to indorse the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, lawful Money, on a State's Note given to Mr. *Ezekiel Gardner*, for the Sum of *Twenty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Seven Pence*, in Payment for a Negro, the Property of the said *Ezekiel Gardner*, inlisted into the Service agreeably to an Act of this Assembly: And that the General-Treasurer be directed to give a Certificate to the said *Ezekiel Gardner*, for the said Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, which Certificate shall be receivable in Payment of the last State Tax.

Allowance to  
 Invalids.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Henry Sherburne* and *Paul Allen* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

In Obedience to our Appointment, we have examined into the Number of Persons entitled to receive Half-Pay for Life, who were wounded or disabled in this State's Service, do report the following Persons as suitable Objects to receive the said Half-Pay, *to wit* :

*John Anthony* paid to the First Day of *February*, A. D. 1785, at *Twenty Shillings* per Month

*George Lawton* paid to the First Day of *February*, A. D. 1785, at *Twenty Shillings* per Month.

*Comfort Bishop* paid to the First Day of *January*, A. D. 1785, at *Twenty Shillings* per Month.

*Job Greenman* paid to the Fourth Day of *May*, A. D. 1784, at *Twenty Shillings* per Month

*Joseph*

*Joseph Button* paid to the Sixteenth Day of *May*, A. D. 1784, at *Twenty Shillings* per Month.

*Edward Peirce* paid to the Fifteenth Day of *December*, A. D. 1784, at *Thirty Shillings* per Month.

*Ezra Chace* paid to the Fourth Day of *May*, A. D. 1784, at *Twenty Shillings* per Month.

*Uriah Stone* paid to the Fourth Day of *May*, A. D. 1784, at *Thirty Shillings* per Month.

ALL which is submitted by

HENRY SHERBURNE, } Committee.  
PAUL ALLEN,

*Newport*, May 6, 1785.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the Secretary cause a Copy thereof to be sent to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay to the several Individuals their Half-Pay in Arrear to the Fourth Day of *May* instant; and that in future he pay them their Half-Pay Quarterly, as the same shall become due.

WHEREAS it appears that the General-Treasurer has issued his Execution, pursuant to an Act of this Assembly, against the Committee for classing the Inhabitants of the Town of *Scituate*, for raising Recruits in the said Town: And whereas it since appears, that the Committee against whom the said Execution was directed to be issued, made due Return to *John Cole*, then Collector of the several Assessments against the respective Classes in the said Town: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Execution, issued against the said Committee, be returned into the General-Treasurer's Office, and that all Proceedings which may have been had thereon be rendered null and void: That the General-Treasurer immediately issue an Execution of the same Tenor with the one hereby ordered to be returned, against the said *John Cole*, as Collector as aforesaid, for the collecting of the Fines of delinquent Classes in the said Town; and that the said Execution be returnable in Sixty Days from the Date thereof.

Committee  
for classing  
the Inhabit-  
ants of *Scitu-  
ate* exempt-  
ed, and Ex-  
ecution to is-  
sue against  
*J. Cole*.

WHEREAS the Committee for classing the Inhabitants of the Town of *South-Kingstown*, have been committed to Gaol by the Sheriff of the County of *Washington*, upon an Execution issued by the General-Treasurer, and have given Bonds and come out; and as it is suggested that said Execution issued through Mistake: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Bonds, given unto the said Sheriff for the Liberty of the House, be null and void: That *Rufus Hopkins*, *Archibald Cray*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to enquire into the delinquent Classes in the said Town (if any) and that they make

Committee  
for classing  
the Inhabit-  
ants of *South-  
Kingstown*  
released from  
their Bonds,  
&c.

make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be, who are the proper Persons against whom the Executions (if any) should issue.

Execution  
against the  
Committee  
for classing  
the Inhabit-  
ants of *Smith-  
field* nulli-  
fied, and *H.  
Sprague* to be  
prosecuted

WHEREAS the Committee for classing the Inhabitants of the Town of *Smithfield* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that agreeably to the Act of this Assembly they assessed the Sum of *Ninety Pounds* upon the Class which was deficient in the said Town, which Assessment was delivered to *Hezekiah Sprague*, Collector of Taxes, and by him collected: That they were not informed of the Act of this Assembly, passed at the Session in *February* last, by Neglect of the Person to whom it was delivered, until *April* following, when they were excluded from making a Return agreeably thereto: And thereupon prayed that the Execution which has issued against them may be recalled: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Execution, issued against the said Committee, be returned to the General-Treasurer's Office, that all Proceedings had thereon be rendered null and void: That an Execution issue against the said *Hezekiah Sprague*, and his real Estate, for the collecting of the Fine assessed against the said delinquent Class: And that the said Execution issue in Ten Days, and be returnable in Sixty Days from the Date.

*E. Perry* al-  
lowed 6s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Edward Perry*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. for the County of *Washington*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for searching the Records of said Court for outstanding Judgments in Favour of the Grand Committee.

*W. Richmond*  
allowed 18s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *William Richmond*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Services in appraising the Stock of Messieurs *Benjamin Brenton* and *Giles Slocum*.

*J. Tillinghast*  
allowed £1.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *John Tillinghast*, the same being in full for a Certificate given him by Mr. *Samuel Gorton*, of *Exeter*, for a Blanket by him furnished for the Use of the Troops in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty.

Petition of  
the Commit-  
tee of *War-  
wick* for clas-  
sing the In-  
habitants re-  
ferred.

WHEREAS the Committee for classing the Inhabitants of the Town of *Warwick* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that pursuant to an Act of this Assembly, passed at the Session in *February* last, they have been served with an Execution for a Sum of Money due from a delinquent Class in the said Town: That in *May*, A. D. 1782, they granted a Warrant to the Sheriff to collect the Money due from the said delinquent Class, and before he had executed the same, Two of the principal

principal Men in the said Class petitioned this Assembly to be excused from their Delinquency, which Petition was received, and Warrant ordered to be stayed until it could be heard before them, the said Committee : That they took the same into Consideration, and reported to this Assembly, at the Session in *June*, A. D. 1782, to which Report they beg Leave to refer : That they conceive it was through Mistake that Execution was issued against them, as they had made Return of the Officer who had the Assessment agreeably to an Act passed at the Session in *November*, A. D. 1782; and thereupon they pray this Assembly for Relief :

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Assessment made against the said delinquent Class be again referred to the Consideration of the said Committee, the Petitioners, who are hereby empowered to mitigate the said Assessment, if they see fit ; that if they shall assess a less Sum than *Ninety Pounds* against the said Class, the Deficiency shall be paid into the General-Treasury by the Town of *Warwick* : That the said Committee make the said Assessment within Thirty Days from the Rising of this Assembly, and commit the same to the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, or either of his Deputies, to collect, who are hereby empowered to collect the same from the said Delinquents, or their Estates, or the Estates in their Possession when the said first Assessment was made ; and if the Sum so assessed shall be short of the aforesaid Sum of *Ninety Pounds*, the said Sheriff, or his Deputy, shall collect the Deficiency from the Town-Treasurer of the said Town.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee make Return to the General-Treasurer of the Sum assessed against the said Class, and in case of Deficiency against the said Town : And that if the said Sum or Sums so assessed shall not be paid into the General-Treasury within Sixty Days from the Rising of this Assembly, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to issue his Execution against the said Sheriff, returnable in Thirty Days.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Shillings*, lawful Money, *7. Mathewson* be allowed to Mr. *Joseph Mathewson*, for a Blanket by him furnished for the Recruits, in the Year 1782 ; and that the same be paid out of the Money raised for the United States in the Hands of the General-Treasurer. *for allowed 18s.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Nine Shillings and Six Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Stephen Olney* ; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for carting Dirt on the State-House-Parade, in *Providence*. *S. Olney allowed £2 9s 6d.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Messieurs *Samuel* and *Seth Yates* ; it being the Amount *S. and S. Yates allowed £5 16s 8d.*

mount of an Account by them presented, for painting the Posts round the State-House Parade, in *Providence*.

*D. Cooke* allowed £14 2s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fourteen Pounds Two Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Daniel Cooke*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Services done in the Secretary's Office; and that the same be charged to the Secretary.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Manley* presented to this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit*:

*Newport, May 4, 1785.*

*J. Manley's* Report, and he allowed £1 14s 6d.

AGREEABLY to your Honors' Appointment at *October* Session, A. D. 1784, for receiving the Records of the Court of Vice-Admiralty, from the Executor of the late *Thomas Vernon*, Esq; deceased, and formerly Register of said Court, I have now to inform your Honors I have again waited upon the Executor, and have received from him One Box and a Bag of Papers, which both he and Mrs. *Vernon* (Widow of said *Thomas Vernon*) assure me are all the Records, Files of Papers, &c. that belonged to the said Court of Vice-Admiralty; and I have delivered the same into the Secretary's Office agreeably to your Honors' Resolve. The Receipt from the Secretary of the Delivery of said Records, together with the Expence arising thereon, I have hereunto annexed, which I hope will meet your Honors' Approbation, and in the mean while beg Leave to subscribe myself your Honors' most humble Servant,

JOHN MANLEY.

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* to *John Manley*, Dr.  
To my Time, Expences, &c. in performing the } £ 1 14 6  
above Service,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the said Account be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence*, lawful Money, be paid to the said *John Manley*, out of the General-Treasury.

*Z. Chase's* Petition referred to a Committee.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of Mr. *Zaccheus Chase*, preferred unto this Assembly, respecting Stock taken from his Estate in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, be, and the same is hereby referred to Messieurs *George Champlin*, *Rowse J. Helme*, and *John Thurston*; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committees to settle the Accounts of the Intendants of Trade.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Gentlemen be, and they are appointed, Committees for settling the Accounts of the Intendants of Trade in the several Counties, *to wit*: Messieurs *George Champlin* and *Daniel Mason* to adjust the Accounts of *Thomas*



*mas Rumreill*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the County of *Newport*: Messieurs *Jeremiah Olney* and *Paul Allen* to adjust the Accounts of *Henry Ward*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the County of *Providence*: Messieurs *Shearjashub Bourne* and *Stephen Smith* to adjust the Accounts of *Jonathan Russell*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the County of *Bristol*: Messieurs *Archibald Crary* and *William Arnold* to adjust the Accounts of Mr. *Stephen Mumford*, Intendant of Trade for the County of *Kent*: And that the said Committees make their Reports to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS Miss *Abigail Coggeshall* and Miss *Amy Coggeshall*, Daughters of *Daniel Coggeshall*, late of *Newport*, Merchant, deceased, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That their said Father, by his last Will, and a Codicil thereto annexed, gave a Dwelling-House in *Newport* to his Son *James Coggeshall*, an Absentee, and to his Heirs forever, but gave the Improvement thereof to his Wife during her Life (who is now living) she allowing the said Petitioners a sufficient Part thereof for them to live in while they should remain unmarried; and ordered that after her Death they should have the Use of one Half thereof during the Time they should remain in that State: That the Interest of the said *James Coggeshall* therein hath been confiscated to the State: That the said House is now in a ruinous Condition, and would require the Sum of *Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars*, to put it into a tenable State: And that under the present Circumstances of the said Estate they are utterly unable to make the necessary Repairs: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to relinquish the Right of the State in the Premises to them the Petitioners: And upon due Inquiry and Consideration, it appearing to this Assembly that the Facts set forth are true: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and hereby is granted: And that all the Right and Interest of the State in the Premises be, and hereby is yielded and surrendered up to them the said *Abigail* and *Amy Coggeshall*.

Petition of  
*Abigail* and  
*Amy Coggeshall*  
granted.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Richmond*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, added to the Committee appointed at the present Session, to appraise the Stock of Messieurs *Thomas Gould* and *Zacheus Chase*, for which they have petitioned this Assembly to make them Compensation.

*W. Richmond*  
appointed  
one of the  
Committee  
to value  
Stock.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirteen Pounds Two Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Hezekiah Babcock*, the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited, for Boarding, Nursing, and every Expence attending the Sickness of a Negro Man, named *Rutter*, formerly belonging to this State's Continental Battalion; agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

*H. Babcock*  
allowed £13  
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*A. Hopkins* allowed £12 3s 6d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Asa Hopkins*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the State, &c.

Collectors of Impost allowed 3½ per Cent. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the several Collectors of Impost within this State be, and they are hereby allowed, a Commission of Three and one Half *per Centum* upon all the Duties and Imposts by them collected in their several Offices, since their Appointment to this Time, in full of all Fees, Perquisites and Expences attending the same, and in Lieu of the Two and one Half *per Centum* heretofore ordered.

*J. Carter* allowed £55 5s 6d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fifty-five Pounds Six Shillings and Six Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. John Carter*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for printing the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, &c.

Committee to draught a Bill respecting Goods Imported in British Bottoms. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Messieurs Daniel Mason, John Jencher, William Channing, and Henry Goodwin*, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to draught a Bill for laying a Duty in Addition to the Duty of Impost already laid upon all Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, of foreign Growth or Manufacture, imported into this State in *British Bottoms*; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

*B. Wheeler* allowed £29 18s 9d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Bennett Wheeler*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for printing the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, &c.

*N. Gardiner, jun.* allowed £2 2s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Two Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Nicholas Gardiner, jun.* it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for his Expences, &c. in apprehending *Amos Jasquais*, charged with counterfeiting Money, &c.

*N. Helme* allowed 12s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twelve Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Nathaniel Helme*; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for raising the Pillory in *South-Kingstown*, and storing the same.

*C. Hazard* added to the Committee upon *H. W. Pollock's* petition. *UPON the Petition of William W. Pollock, It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Carter Hazard, Esq;* be, and he is hereby added, to the Committee heretofore appointed to examine into the Conduct of the said *William W. Pollock*, respecting the Taxes assessed upon the

the Point-Farm (so called) lying in *South-Kingstown*, while he was Collector of the same: And that the said Committee proceed on the said Business agreeably to the Resolution of this Assembly first appointing them.

WHEREAS it is represented to this Assembly, that it is very inconvenient and difficult for the Sheriffs to collect the exact Amount of the Executions issued against delinquent Classes in raising Recruits, pursuant to a Resolve of this Assembly passed at the last Session, in public Securities: And whereas such delinquent Classes are ready to pay such Executions, provided they can receive the Balance due on such Certificates as they are possessed of: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That in Case the Securities brought to the General-Treasury in Payment of the said Executions exceed the Amount thereof, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to give his Notes for the Balances due to the Holders or Owners of such Securities; and that said Notes be of the same Tenor with the Securities received in Discharge of said Executions.

General-Treasurer to give his Notes in certain Cases.

WHEREAS there are many Inconveniences arising to the Town of *Providence*, from the present Mode of conducting the Office of Vendue-Master:

Town of Providence permitted to regulate their Vendues.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted*, That the Town of *Providence* be, and hereby is fully empowered, to make such Laws and Regulations as to them shall seem meet and fit respecting the Mode of conducting Vendues in the said Town, in all Cases whatever; and that they have Power to fix and ascertain the Commissions that shall be received by all Persons that sell Goods at Vendue; any Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Four Pounds and Nine Pence, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Peleg Peckham*, jun. a Deputy-Sheriff; it being the Amount of a Bill of Cost taxed in the Prosecution of the Governor and Company against *John Mitchell*, who was condemned at a Justice's Court in the County of *Washington*, and acquitted upon an Appeal to the General Sessions in the said County.

*P. Peckham, jun.* allowed £4 0s 9d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Forty-five Pounds Three Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *James Lovett*, Esq; it being, as reported by the Auditor, the Amount of a Certificate given him for a Slave enlisted into the Continental Service in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, by the Committee appointed to value Slaves so enlisting; together with Compound Interest thereon.

*J. Lovett* allowed £45 3s 6d.



**An ACT to prevent the Collectors of Taxes from depreciating the Drafts by Order of the General Assembly, drawn upon the General-Treasury.**

Act to prevent Collectors from depreciating Draughts on the General-Treasury.

**W**HEREAS, from the Scarcity of circulating Cash, and the many Demands against the State, no Money is paid into the Treasury, the same being absorbed by the Collectors' purchasing up Drafts upon the General-Treasury at a very considerable Discount, whereby the Credit of the State is much hurt, and Individuals great Sufferers; to prevent which,

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That from and after the First Day of June next the General-Treasurer shall not receive of any Collector of Taxes any Order or Draft upon the Treasury, in Payment or Discharge of any Rate or Tax, unless the same be in the Name of such Collector, or the Collector hath received the same at the full Value thereof, agreeably to the Sum expressed in said Draft; and in order to ascertain the Truth, the said General-Treasurer shall, previous to his receiving the same in Payment or Discharge of any Rate or Tax, administer the following Oath or Affirmation unto such Collector*

*You A. B. do, in the Presence of Almighty God, most solemnly swear (or affirm) that the Drafts or Orders by you here presented, have been received by you at the full Value or Sum, as is in said Orders or Drafts expressed; and that you have not made any Discount on the same, directly or indirectly, to lessen the Value thereof. So help you God: Or, and this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Collector or Collectors of Taxes shall, after the said First Day of June next, purchase or receive of any Individual any Draft or Order upon the General-Treasurer for a less Sum than is in said Draft or Order expressed, in order to make Gain and Lucre thereby, and shall be thereof lawfully convicted by Indictment, before any Court of Record in this State, that such Collector or Collectors shall forfeit to the full Amount of such Order or Orders, by them so purchased or received of any Individual at a Discount, to and for the use of this State; and shall be forever thereafter rendered incapable of sustaining any Office in this State, either civil or military: Provided such Prosecution be had against such Collector or Collectors within Twelve Months after the Crime committed: And that this Act be published in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.*



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the several Collectors of Impost in this State be, and they are hereby allowed, a Commission of Three and an Half *per Centum* on all Duties and Imposts by them collected, in full for their Services, until this Assembly shall otherwise direct.

Collectors of Impost allowed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per Cent. in future.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirteen Pounds Four Shillings and Six Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Henry Sherburne, Esq;* it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for drafting the Acts of this Assembly for the Press, &c.

H. Sherburne allowed £13 4s 6d.



An ACT in Addition to an Act entitled “ An Act in Amendment of and Addition to an Act for levying an Impost of Two *per Centum ad Valorem* upon certain Articles therein enumerated, for the Purpose of paying the annual Interest arising upon the Public Securities of this State.”

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Vessels coming into any of the Ports within this State, shall make Report within Twenty-four Hours after their Arrival, to the Impost and Intendant's Offices; and shall lodge a Manifest of their Cargoes under Oath at the Impost Office, and their Ship's Papers at the Intendant's Office, under the Penalty of *Twenty-five Pounds*, lawful Money, to and for the Use of this State, for every Twenty-four Hours they shall neglect so to do; to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in a Special Court of Record in this State, to be called for that Purpose in like Manner as other Penalties are to be recovered by the said Act.

Act in Addition to the 2 per Cent. Impost Act.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That upon Suspicion of any Vessel having broken Bulk before Entry made, it shall and may be lawful for the Collector of Impost or Intendant of Trade to go on-board such Vessel, and examine the Hold, and take with them proper Assistance therefor.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That all foreign Vessels clearing out or passing from this State to any Port of the United States, shall not be considered as Coasters in Payment of Light-Money: And that this Act shall take Place in Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly.



Light Money  
reduced.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Light-Money to be received by the several Intendants of Trade in this State, in future be as follows, *to wit*: That *Eight Pence* per Ton, be received on all foreign Bottoms: That *Four Pence* per Ton, be received from the Inhabitants of this State and the United States, upon all Ships or Vessels belonging unto them, that are employed on foreign Voyages: And that *Two Pence* per Ton be received upon all Ships or Vessels employed between the different Ports within the United States, whether the same belong to the Inhabitants of this or any other of the United States.

Report upon  
*S. S. Blow-*  
*er's Estate.*

WHEREAS *Henry Marchant* and *William Channing*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

THE Subscribers having been appointed by the Honorable Assembly to enquire into the Facts set forth in a Petition preferred by the Executors of *Jane Eustis*, deceased, relating to a House in *Newport*, confiscated as the Estate of *Sampson Salter Blowers*, beg Leave to report, That the said *Jane Eustis*, in her last Will and Testament, gave and devised several Legacies to different Persons, and the Residue and Remainder of her Estate, real, personal and mixed, unto *Sarah Kent*, now the Wife of the said *Blowers*: That after the Decease of the said *Jane*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, her Executors, for the Benefit of her Estate, purchased a Mortgage on the Premises, for the Consideration of *Five Hundred and Eighty-seven Spanish milled Dollars and Twenty Hundredths of a Dollar*, of one *William Provost*, as set forth in the Petition of the Executors: All which is submitted by your Honors' obedient Servants,

HENRY MARCHANT,  
WILLIAM CHANNING.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted; and that the said Estate be restored to the Possession of the Petitioners, in their said Capacity as Executors as aforesaid.

Committee  
to settle the  
Dispute be-  
tween *R.*  
*Smith* and *W.*  
*W. Pollock*  
continued.

WHEREAS *Thomas Wells*, *Carder Hazard*, and *William Hammond*, who were appointed to settle the Disputes between Mr. *William W. Pollock*, a Collector of Taxes for *South-Kingstown*, and Mr. *Royzel Smith*, respecting the Taxes upon the Farm in said Town called the Point-Farm, presented to this Assembly a State of their Account with their Report thereon: Which being considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said State and Report be recommended to the said Committee: That they hear any further Evidence that the said Parties or either of them may adduce: And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

General-  
Treasurer to  
issue Certif.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby ordered and directed, in the Payment of Interest on  
Loan-

Loan-Office Certificates, bearing Date between the First Day of September, A. D. 1777, and the First Day of March, A. D. 1778, to calculate no Depreciation on such Certificates, but consider them at Par, and issue his Certificates for Interest on such Loan-Office Securities as at Par.

certificates on certain Loan-Office Certificates at Par.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered and directed, to issue Certificates to the Holders of such Securities for the Difference between their being valued at Par, and agreeably to the Scale of Depreciation, in Cases where the said Holders have received their Interest on the reduced Value of the said Certificates.



An ACT in Addition to and Amendment of an Act entitled “An Act for laying an Impost of Two and One-Half *per Centum ad Valorem* upon certain Articles herein mentioned, for the Purpose of paying the annual Interest arising upon the Public Securities of this State.”

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That from and after the Twentieth Day of May, instant, there shall be paid, for the Use of this State, an additional and further Impost or Duty of Seven and One-Half *per Centum* on the Value of all Goods, Wares and Merchandize of foreign Growth or Manufacture which shall be imported into this State in British Bottoms, or in Ships or Vessels belonging in the whole or in Part to any Subject of the King of Great-Britain, to be collected in the same Manner and under the same Regulations as directed by the said Act levying the said Duty of Two and an Half *per Centum*.

Act laying a Duty of 7½ *per Cent*.

*IT is Ordered*, That this Act be published in the *Newport and Providence News-Papers*.



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Nathan Jaquays, jun.* a wounded Soldier, the same being in full Compensation for his Sufferings.

*N. Jaquays, jun.* allowed £15.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Hopson Wilcox* be, and he is hereby, dismissed from his Office of a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*.

*H. Wilcox* dismissed from his Office of Justice of Peace.

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*C. Peabody*  
allowed £ 1  
10s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That One Pound Ten Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Caleb Peabody*, late Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Middle-town*, which Sum was assessed upon the Farm in the said Town, late *Rome's*, while the same was in the Possession of this State.

Anchor giv-  
en up to *J.*  
*Malbone.*

WHEREAS a large Anchor which was left by the British when they evacuated *Newport*, in One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, near the Wharf of Colonel *John Malbone*, was by him, at a considerable Expence, weighed; and afterwards was by this Assembly ordered to be sold, and One Half thereof appropriated to the Use of this State; and as the same is still unsold, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That this State do give up all their Claim unto the said Anchor; and that the said *John Malbone* receive the same, and have the Disposal thereof, in the same Manner as though this State had not interfered therein.

Secretary to  
send Copies  
of the Duties  
in *France* to  
the several  
Towns.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary cause a Copy of the State of the Duties payable by Vessels of the United States of *America* at *Marseilles*, *Bayonne*, *L'Orient*, and *Dunkirk*, in the Kingdom of *France*, to be printed; and that he furnish each Town-Clerk in the State with a Copy of the same when printed, for the Use of their respective Towns.

Committee  
to draught  
an Act laying  
an additional  
Impost con-  
tinued, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to draught an Act laying an additional Impost on certain enumerated Articles of foreign Growth and Manufacture be, and they are hereby continued, till the next Session of this Assembly: That Mr. *Charles Keene* be added to the said Committee; and that they report a Bill at the said Session.

Report of  
the Com-  
mittee on the  
Balances due  
for Ox-  
Teams.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes* and *Esek Hopkins*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Abstract and Report, *to wit*:

AN Abstract of the Balances now due on the Contracts for Ox-Teams in the Service of the United States, in the Campaign of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one.

<i>James Maxwell,</i>	£ 14 10 4
<i>William Love,</i>	43 3 6
<i>Abrabam Wilson,</i>	88 5 6
<i>Samuel Parker,</i>	35 0 7
<i>Thomas Parker,</i>	68 10 3
<i>Moses Blanchard,</i>	22 13 3
<i>Richard Fenner, jun.</i>	119 2 6
<i>William Tyler,</i>	94 12 8
<i>Comfort Slack,</i>	91 12 1
<i>Andrew Craig,</i>	46 12 5
<i>Stephen Clark,</i>	142 0 6
<i>Matthew Manchester,</i>	429 14 5
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	Henry



Henry Larned,	1192	9	10
Freeman Lincoln,	228	16	3
Setb Austin,	39	12	0
Jedidiah Richardson,	276	5	6
Sylvester Child, &c.	140	0	0
Nathaniel Pearce, Esq;	43	15	0
Abner Allen,	95	19	0
Comfort Bullock,	20	0	0
Natbaniel Wilmarth,	95	14	9
Reuben Bates,	22	2	0
Jonathan Peck,	31	18	0
Nathaniel Pearce, jun.	51	3	11
Loring Peck,	159	6	6
James Allen,	156	15	10
Isaac Bowen,	19	9	0
Joseph Wheaton,	40	12	0
Nathaniel Wheaton,	77	4	4
Daniel Pratt,	120	14	0
Jeremiah Wheeler,	19	0	6
Timothy Fales,	23	12	0
Bernard Martin,	11	5	0
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Interest on £ 4061 13s 5d, from Janu- } ary 10, 1782, to May 10, 1785, }			
	£ 4061	13	5
	867	2	2
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	£ 4928	15	7

Errors excepted,

BENJAMIN BOURNE,  
(late A. D. Q. M.

THE Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to examine the Account of *Benjamin Bourne*, Esquire, late Assistant Deputy-Quarter-Master, respecting the Balances due to the Directors of Teams, &c. that did Duty in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, in the Continental Service, and who were engaged by the said *Benjamin Bourne*, find the Balance due to the Individuals agreeably to the above Abstract, *Four Thousand and Sixty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence*, Principal, and *Eight Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds Two Shillings and Two Pence*, Interest, the whole amounting to *Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Seven Pence*, lawful Money; which we think ought to be paid out of the Continental Taxes, agreeably to the Resolution of Congress of *February 15, A. D. 1785*; and that the said *Benjamin Bourne* be directed to give Certificates to the several Persons for their Balances agreeably to the said Abstract, which Certificates shall be receivable by the several Collectors, and by them paid into the General-Treasurer's Office, as Part of the said Taxes to be assessed for the Use aforesaid: All which is submitted to the

May, 1785.

the Honorable General Assembly by your Honors' most obedient Servants,

JOHN JENCKES, }  
ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted : That the Secretary cause a Copy of the said Abstract to be lodged in the General-Treasurer's Office : That *Edward Chinn*, Esquire, the Commissioner for settling the Accounts of the United States in this State, be requested to furnish the General-Treasurer with a List of the Final Settlement Notes which he has issued for the said Balances, to take up the Certificates which the said *Benjamin Bourne* has given for the said Balances, and give his Final Settlement Notes for the same, and to certify on the Back of such Certificates for what the same were given, as well on those which he has issued, as on those which he may issue : That the said *Edward Chinn* be also requested to furnish the General-Treasurer with a List of the whole Number of such Certificates, when he has compleated the same : That thereupon the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to issue to the Holders of such Certificates other Certificates in exchange for the Balances which shall be due to them on the said Certificates of the said *Edward Chinn* ; and that such Certificates of the General-Treasurer shall be receivable at the General-Treasury in Payment of the next Tax which shall be ordered for the Use of the United States.

*S. Elam's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Elam*, Administrator of the Goods, Rights and Credits of *Gervas Elam*, late of *Newport*, deceased, and Attorney, duly appointed by the Heirs of the said *Gervas Elam*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the said *Gervas Elam* died, during the late War, seized and possessed of a considerable real and personal Estate : That in Consequence of the Heirs residing in *Great-Britain*, they labour under peculiar Difficulties in recovering the same : And thereupon prayed this Assembly that he may be authorized in his own Name, and as Administrator of said Estate, to commence any Action for the Recovery thereof : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted : That the said *Samuel Elam* be, and he is hereby authorized, to commence any Action or Actions in his own Name which may be necessary for the Recovery of the Possession of any Estate, real or personal, whereof the said *Gervas Elam* died seized : And that the Recovery thereof shall enure to the Benefit of the nearest of Kin of the said *Gervas Elam*, his Heirs at Law.

*J. Gardner's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Gardner*, of *North-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he and Colonel *John Gardner*, of *South-Kingstown*, had an Execution against them for a considerable Sum of Money, returnable to the Superior Court  
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in *Washington County*, at their Term in *April* last : That the said Execution was for his Debt, and the said *John Gardner* was his Bondsman : That being unable to pay the same, in order to secure his said Bondsman, he and his Son, *James Gardner, jun.* set off Seventy-four Acres of Land with the Buildings thereon, situate in said *North-Kingstown*, to the Town-Serjeant who had the said Execution : That the said Land was sold at public Vendue to *William Wilson Pollock*, for little more than the Amount of the said Execution and Cost : That at the Time of the said Sale the said *John Gardner* was indebted unto the said *William W. Pollock*, who stands indebted in Arrear of Taxes unto this State : That he (the Petitioner) and his said Son are possessed of public Securities consolidated and signed by the General-Treasurer, to the Amount of *Fifty-eight Pounds Eleven Shillings*, which the said *William W. Pollock* is willing to take, and discharge the said Premises, provided this Assembly will order the same to be received by the General-Treasurer, in Part of the Demand against him : And thereupon prayed this Assembly for Relief : And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to receive in Payment of the Balance due from the said *William W. Pollock* any of this State's consolidated Notes, provided the said *William W. Pollock* shall re-convey the said Estate to the said *James Gardner*, on his the said *James Gardner's* paying the Purchase-Money given by the said *William W. Pollock* in Securities of the same Description.



**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Act of this Assembly passed at the Session in *October*, A. D. 1775, repealing the Act introducing the Statutes of *Great-Britain* limiting real and personal Actions heretofore introduced into this State, be, and the same is hereby repealed : And that the said Statutes again be in full Force within this State, from and after the Rising of this Assembly.

Act again introducing the Statute of Limitations.



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to appropriate the first Money which shall be received into the General-Treasury to the Payment of the Arrears due to the Invalids on the Half-Pay List : That no Money in future be paid out of the General-Treasury, unless there be a sufficient Sum remaining to pay the Amount of one Quarter's Pay to the said Invalids.

General-Treasurer to pay the first Money he receives to Invalids, &c.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Mason*, Mr. *Paul Allen*, *William Chan-ning*, *Rowse J. Helme*, and *James M. Varnum*, Esquires, who were appointed a Committee to consider the Facts set forth in a Petition preferred unto this Assembly, at the Session in *October* last, by Mrs.

Report upon the Petition of *C. Tweedy* and others.

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*Catharine*

*Catharine Tweedy, Abraham Redwood, jun. and Susannah, his Wife, respecting Part of the Estate late belonging to James Honyman, Esquire, deceased, confiscated to and for the Use of this State, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :*

WE the Subscribers, agreeably to our Appointment, beg Leave to report, That the Superior Court of Judicature was held on *Monday, the Third Day of March, A. D. 1783*, the Day on which we presume Hostilities ceased in America : That the Confiscation of the said Estate was made on the Seventh Day of said *March* : All which is submitted by your Honors' obedient Servants,

DANIEL MASON,  
PAUL ALLEN,  
ROWSE J. HELME,  
WILLIAM CHANNING.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the said Estate be restored to the Heirs at Law, and that the same descend to and vest in the said Heirs in the same Manner as though no Confiscation had taken Place.

Intendants of  
Trade to  
give Bond.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Intendants of Trade in this State give Bonds to the General-Treasurer, in the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, with Two Sureties, in the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* each, for the faithful Discharge of their said Offices ; and that the Secretary be directed to send a Copy of this Vote to the said Intendants of Trade.

Town of  
*Barrington* to  
receive a Di-  
gest of the  
Laws.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to deliver to the Town-Clerk of the Town of *Barrington*, to and for the Use of the said Town, one of the Digests of the Laws of this State.

Committee  
to receive the  
Papers, &c.  
from the late  
Clerk Super-  
ior Court  
*Providence*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Colonel *Jeremiah Olney* and Mr. *Paul Allen* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to receive of the late Clerk of the Superior Court, &c. for the County of *Providence*, the Files of Papers, Records, and Seal belonging to the said Office, and deliver the same to the present Clerk.

Committee  
to settle the  
Accounts of  
Collectors of  
Impost.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Jeremiah Olney* and *Christopher Ellery*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to settle the Accounts of the several Collectors of Impost

*Kentish*  
Guards re-  
vived.

WHEREAS this Assembly did heretofore incorporate a military Company in the County of *Kent*, and gave them a Charter by the Name of the *Kentish* Guards, which said Company, during the Time of the War, strictly adhered to their said Charter, and furnished the Continent with Officers who did Honour to this State and the United States at large ; and whereas since the Peace the said Com-  
pany

pany hath neglected to meet and choose their Officers, agreeably to their said Charter, whereby the same is become forfeit; and the Gentlemen who originally composed the said Company being desirous that the same should be still kept up, agreeably to their primitive Institution: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That so many of the Persons who composed the said Company when they were first incorporated as can meet, be, and they are hereby authorized, to convene at *East-Greenwich*, on the Fourth Monday of June next, then to choose their Officers, and to do other Matters, agreeably to their said Charter: And that they still be entitled to the Privileges in the said Charter granted, in the same Manner as though no Forfeiture had happened.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esquire, and *Mr. Rowland Brown* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to sell all the Carriages, Pack-Saddles and other perishable Articles in the military Line, that belong to this State, in the County of *Washington*, and to collect the Cannon and place them in some convenient Place, where they can be kept in Safety with little Expence: That they pay the Money arising from the Sale of the said Articles into the General-Treasury, and make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to sell Carriages, &c. *Washington* County.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Messieurs Rowland Brown* and *Ray Sands* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to receive of *Edward Perry*, Esquire, late Clerk of the Superior Court, &c. for the County of *Washington*, the Books of Records, Seal, Files of Papers and other Things belonging to the said Office, and deliver the same to *Nathaniel Helme*, jun. Esquire, the present Clerk of the said Court, giving and taking Receipts therefor.

Committee to receive the Papers, &c. from the late Clerk Superior Court *Washington*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Stephen Mumford*, Collector of Impost for the County of *Kent*, give Bond within Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, conditioned for his faithful Performance of his said Office, and for securing the Payment of the Money which he has already collected, as well as such as he may collect: That if he shall neglect to give Bond as aforesaid, he be disqualified from further acting in his said Office. And his Excellency the Governor is thereupon authorized to appoint some proper Person to officiate in his Place as Collector as aforesaid, till the next Session of this Assembly.

*S. Mumford* to give Bond.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That a further Time be given for the collecting the last State Tax: That the same be collected and paid into the General-Treasury on or before the First Day of July next: That the General-Treasurer issue his Executions against the Town-Treasurers of such Towns as shall then be delinquent in paying their respective Quotas of the said Tax; and that said Executions be returnable in Ten Days.

Further Time given for the Collection of the last Tax.

WHEREAS

*T. Richardson's Estate*  
allowed £46  
16.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Paul Allen* and *Jobn Topham*, who were appointed a Committee to consider the Facts set forth in a Petition presented unto this Assembly, by the Executors of Mr. *Thomas Richardson*, deceased, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and Report, *to wit* :

The United States to *Thomas Richardson*, Dr.

	Tons.	C.	qr.	
To 2 Four-Pound Cannon, Wt.	0	16	0	
To 6 Three-Pound Ditto,	1	16	0	
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	2	12	0	at 16s 6d per C. £42 18
To 24 Sliding-Shot,	}	0	6	2 at 12s per C. 3 18
To 12 Double-Head Ditto,				
To 140 Three-Pound Ditto,				
To 34 Four-Pound Ditto,				
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				£46 16

Taken into public Service by *Ezek Hopkins*, Esquire.

AGREEABLY to our Appointment by the Honorable the General Assembly to adjust the above Account, do report, that the Sum of *Forty-six Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed thereon, which shall be in full for the above Account: All which is submitted by your Honors' obedient Servants,

PAUL ALLEN, } Committee.  
JOHN TOPHAM, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted: That the said Sum of *Forty-six Pounds Sixteen Shillings* be allowed; and that the General-Treasurer give his promissory Note for the same, payable on Demand, with Interest, to the Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said *Thomas Richardson*.

*B. Bourne* al.  
lowed £3  
14s 4d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Four Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esquire, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as Clerk of the Lower-House, &c

*H. Sherburne*  
allowed £3.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Henry Sherburne*, Esquire, it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as Deputy-Secretary.

*D. Dunham*,  
jun. allowed  
£1 4s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Four Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Daniel Dunham*, jun. for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter.

*IT*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Eight Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Thomas Melwill*, for cleaning the State-House, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter. *T. Melwill* allowed £ 2 8s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Four Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General Assembly, to Mr. *Latham Clarke*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter. *L. Clarke* allowed £ 1 4s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nine Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *John Richards*, for assisting in putting up the State-House Steps in *Newport*, and for One Day's Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, by Order of the Sheriff. *J. Richards* allowed 9s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Officers who have not been re-appointed, and in whose Places others have not been chosen, be, and they are hereby continued, in their respective Offices, with the same Power and Authority they have heretofore had: And that all Executions where Petitions are lodged praying for the Stay thereof, be stayed until the said Petitions can be heard. Officers continued and Executions stayed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred, to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the Fourth *Monday* in *June* next, then to convene at the State-House in the City of *Newport*. Adjournment.

**GOD** save the United States of **AMERICA**.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

*Henry Ward Lury*

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**PROVIDENCE: PRINTED BY BENNETT WHEELER.**









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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Fourth Monday of *June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, and in the Ninth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM GREENE, ESQUIRE,

G O V E R N O R.

THE HONORABLE

JABEZ BOWEN, ESQUIRE,

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq.

THOMAS WELLS, Esq.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Esq.

RICHARD SEARLE, Esq.

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq.

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq.

GIDEON CLARKE, Esq.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq.

JOHN COOKE, Esq.

JOHN SMITH (of Gloucester) Esq.

} Assistants:

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq. Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

June, 1785.

DEPUTIES FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS.

*The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq. Speaker.*

NEWPORT.

George Hazard, *Esq.*  
Henry Marchant, *Esq.*  
Mr. George Champlin,  
John Topham, *Esq.*  
Mr. Peleg Clarke,  
Mr. Daniel Mafon.

PROVIDENCE.

John Jenckes, *Esq.*  
Mr. Paul Allen,  
Charles Keene, *Esq.*  
Jeremiah Olney, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH.

Mr. Hoider Chace,  
John Thurston, *Esq.*  
Benjamin Hall, *Esq.*

WARWICK.

Mr. Benjamin Greene,  
Mr. Thomas Remington,  
Benjamin Arnold, jun. *Esq.*  
Mr. Waterman Tibbits.

WESTERLY.

Joseph Noyes, *Esq.*  
Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM.

Mr. Edward Sands,  
Mr. William Littlefield.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN.

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner, jun.  
Mr. John Allen.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.

Rowse J. Helme, *Esq.*  
Mr. Rowland Brown.

EAST-GREENWICH.

Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN.

Rowland Robinson, *Esq.*  
Mr. Samuel Carr.

SMITHFIELD.

Mr. Stephen Arnold, jun.  
William Aldrich, *Esq.*

SEITUATE.

Rufus Hopkins, *Esq.*  
William West, *Esq.*

GLOUCESTER.

Daniel Owen, *Esq.*  
Mr. Simon Smith.

CHARLESTON.

Joseph Stanton, jun. *Esq.*

James Congdon, *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH.

Samuel Hopkins, *Esq.*  
Pardon Tillinghast, *Esq.*  
COVENTRY.

Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.  
Isaac Johnston, *Esq.*

EXETER.

Mr. Hopson Wilcox,  
Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN.

Mr. Nicholas Easton,  
Thomas Coggeshall, *Esq.*

BRISTOL.

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON.

Mr. Nathaniel Briggs.  
LITTLE-COMPTON.

Mr. William Ladd,  
Mr. William Brown.

WARREN.

Nathan Miller, *Esq.*  
Robert Carr, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND.

James Lovett, *Esq.*  
Jotham Carpenter, *Esq.*

RICHMOND.

James Shelden, *Esq.*  
Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON.

William Field, *Esq.*  
Israel Gorton, *Esq.*

HOPKINGTON.

Mr. Oliver Davis,  
Mr. Thomas Wells, the 2d.

JOHNSTON.

Peleg Williams, *Esq.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE.

Esek Hopkins, *Esq.*  
Mr. Edward Smith.

BARRINGTON.

Josiah Humphrey, *Esq.*  
Samuel Allen, *Esq.*

FOSTER.

John Williams, *Esq.*  
William Tyler, *Esq.*

BENJAMIN BOURNE, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower-House:

**W**HEREAS this Assembly did at the last Session direct the Intendants of Trade within this State to give Bonds, with sufficient Sureties; to the General-Treasurer, for the faithful Discharge of their Office : And whereas the late Intendant of Trade for the Port of *East-Greenwich*, did neglect to give Bond agreeably to the aforesaid Resolution, whereby the said Port was destitute of a proper Naval-Officer ; whereupon his Excellency the Governor did appoint *Gideon Mumford*, Esq. Intendant of Trade for the said Port and District of the County of *Kent* :

*G. Mumford*  
appointed In-  
tendant of  
Trade for the  
Port of *East-  
Greenwich*.

*It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Appointment of the said *Gideon Mumford* as Intendant of Trade as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby approved : And that the Acts of the said *Gideon Mumford*, in his said Office, be and the same are hereby declared to be as legal and binding as though he had been appointed by this Assembly.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Gideon Mumford* be, and he is hereby continued in the said Office until the next General Election; he giving Bonds for the faithful Performance of his Trust.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Walker Harding*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Work done on the State-House Parade in *Providence*.

*W. Harding*  
allowed £.6

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Twelve Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Christopher Olney*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Paper furnished for completing the Schedules.

*C. Olney* al-  
lowed £.12

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Ten Pounds One Shilling Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Daniel Cooke*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him presented for Service done in the Secretary's Office and that the same be charged to the Secretary.

*D. Cooke* al-  
lowed £.10 1s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*; That Two Pounds Eight Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Perez Bradford*, the same being for one Month's Service on *Rhode-Island* in July and August, A. D. 1781.

*P. Bradford*  
allowed £.2  
8s.

WHEREAS Messieurs *George Champlin* and *William Richmond* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report upon  
*T. Gould's* Pe-  
tition, and he  
allowed £.23  
10s.

THE Subscribers having been appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the Subject Matter of a Petition preferred to the Honorable the General Assembly at the Session held in May last, by *Thomas Gould*, respecting the Loss of a Number of Sheep, suggested to have been taken from him by Order of Government, at the Time the *British Army* took Possession of the Island of *Rhode-Island*, beg Leave

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to report, that we have examined the Witnesses produced in Support of the Facts set forth in the Petition, and that we find that the said *Thomas Gould* lost Forty-five Sheep, estimated at *Twenty-two Pounds Ten Shillings*, which is submitted by your Honors obedient Servants,

*George Champlin,  
William Richmond.*

AND the said Report being duly considered;

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted : That the said Sum of *Twenty-two Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed ; and that the General-Treasurer give to the said *Thomas Gould* his Note for the same, payable on Demand with Interest.

*Y. Chace* al-  
located £. 56  
and *Z. Chace*  
£. 48

WHEREAS Messieurs *George Champlin, William Richmond* and *John Thurston*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

THE Subscribers having been appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the Subject Matter of a Petition preferred unto the Honorable the General Assembly; at their Session held in *May* last, by *Zaccheus Chace* and *James Chace*, respecting the Loss of certain Cattle therein specified, and suggested to have been taken from them by Order of Government at the Time the British Army took Possession of the Island of Rhode-Island, beg Leave to report, that we have examined the Witnesses produced in Support of the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and that we find, that the said *James Chace* lost as aforesaid, Nine Cows, One Ox, One Bull, and Two Heifers, by us estimated at *Fifty-six Pounds* ; and that the said *Zaccheus Chace* lost and was deprived of as aforesaid, Eight Cows, Three Heifers, and One Bull, estimated at *Forty-eight Pounds* ; all which is submitted by your Honors most obedient Servants,

*George Champlin,  
William Richmond,  
John Thurston.*

AND the said Report being duly considered;

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted : That the said Sums of *Fifty-six Pounds* to the said *James Chace*; and *Forty-eight Pounds* Lawful Money to the said *Zaccheus Chace* be allowed ; and that the General-Treasurer give his Note therefor to the said *James Chace* and the said *Zaccheus Chace*, payable on Demand with Interest.



An ACT to prevent the passing of base mixed Metals, made in Imitation of Copper Coin, as a Currency in this State.

WHEREAS of late there hath been introduced into this State large Quantities of base mixed Metal, made in Imitation of the Copper Coin which pass as a Currency therein; which tends to the encouraging of Frauds, to the Support of Idleness and Dissipation, and is an Imposition upon the Inhabitants of this State :

Act prohibiting counterfeiting Coppers.

BE it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That from and after the Tenth Day of July next, no Person or Persons shall presume to pass, receive or take, any of the said base mixed Metals, made in Imitation of any of the Copper Coin which pass as a Currency in this State, knowing the same to be made of such base, mixed, adulterated Metals, upon the Penalty of paying as a Fine, for each and every Piece of such base, mixed, adulterated Metal, made in Imitation of the Copper Coin as aforesaid, Six Shillings, Lawful Money, which he, she or they shall pass, receive or take; as a Copper or Coppers, which pass as a Currency in this State; one Half thereof to and for the Use of this State, and the other Half to the Person who shall prosecute for the same, by Information before any one or more Justice or Justices, Warden or Wardens, of the Peace, who are hereby fully authorized and empowered to hear and try the same; and upon any such Offender or Offenders being convicted, he, she or they, shall pay the Fine aforesaid; and all lawful Costs of Prosecution and Conviction.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall make or cast any Piece or Pieces of base or mixed Metals, in Imitation of any of the Copper Coin which pass as a Currency in this State, in order to pass the same as Money, or to the Intent that the same should be received in Payment for the Discharge of Debts, or the Purchase of Goods, Wares or Merchandise, and shall thereof be lawfully convicted, before the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. he, she or they, shall be liable to such Fines or corporeal Punishment as the said Superior Court shall think his, her or their Offences merit, not extending to Life or Limb.



WHEREAS Mr. Robert Browning, of South-Kingstown, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That in the late War, he being young, was persuaded to go upon the Island of Rhode-Island and then in the Possession of the Enemy, that after he arrived there he was convinced of his Folly, and soon returned to said South-Kingstown: That this Assembly ordered the Sheriff of the County of Washington to take Possession of his real Estate, but afterwards restored it to him the Petitioner, and directed that he should not dis-

R. Browning's Petition granted.

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pose of the same unless he previously made Application to this Assembly therefor : That his said Estate lies in detached Parcels, and he now has an Opportunity of selling Part or the Whole of the same, and purchasing a real Estate of much greater Value to him : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to take off the Restriction aforesaid and grant him the Liberty of disposing of his said Estate :

AND the Premises being duly considered,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer thereof be, and the same is hereby granted : That the said *Robert Browning* be and he is hereby empowered to use, occupy, sell or dispose of his real Estate, lying in *South-Kingstown*, in as full, ample and effectual Manner to all Intents and Purposes whatever as though this Assembly had not passed any Resolves respecting the same.

Officers chosen.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee made Choice of the following Officers, to wit :

<i>William Ellery</i> , Esq. Chief	} Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Gaol Delivery in and throughout the State.
<i>Peter Phillips</i> , Esq. Second	
<i>Thomas Tillinbast</i> , Esq. Third	
<i>Pardon Gray</i> , Esq. Fourth	
<i>Thomas Arnold</i> , Esq. Fifth	

*Robert Rogers*, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Gaol Delivery within and for the County of *Newport*, in the Room of *Walter Channing*, Esq. who declines.

*Elizba Allen*, Esq. a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Middlestown*.

*John Westcott*, *William Tyler*, *William Greene*, and *Jonathan Hopkins*, jun. Esquires, Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Felster*.

*John Malbone*, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia of the County of *Newport*.

*Henry Sherburne*, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Lemuel Bailey*, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Thomas Tefft*, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

*Thomas Allen*, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*Daniel*



*Daniel Rogers*, Esq. Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*William Southworth*, Esq. Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Curtis Cole*, Esq. Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*Thomas Wells*, the 2d, Major of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

*Isaac Johnson*, Esq. Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of *Kent*.

Officers to command Companies of Infantry.

*Newport.*

First Company;

*John Handy*, Captain,  
*Joseph Gardner*, Lieutenant,  
*John Almy*, Ensign.

Second Company:

*Simeon Martin*, Captain,  
*John Coggeshall*, Lieutenant,  
*William Allen*, Ensign.

Third Company.

*Edward Simmons*, Captain,  
*William Tripp*, Lieutenant,  
*Richard Card*, Ensign.

Fourth Company.

*Philip Moss*, Captain,  
*Benjamin Nicholls*, Lieutenant,  
*Joseph Bots*, Ensign.

*Portsmouth* Company.

*Seth Thomas*, Captain,  
*William Burrington*, Lieutenant,  
*Peleg Shearman*, Ensign.

*Cumberland.*

Senior Class Company.

*Levi Tower*, Captain,  
*Gilbert Grant*, Lieutenant,  
*Gardner Sprague*, Ensign.

First Company.

*Amaziah Weatherhead*, Captain,  
*Benjamin S. Walcot*, Lieutenant,  
*Jesse Brown*, Ensign.

Second Company.

*Amos Whipple*, Captain,  
*John Rogers*, Lieutenant,  
*John Fisk*, Ensign.

*New-Shoreham* Company.

*John Sands*, Captain,  
*John Pain*, Lieutenant,  
*George Franklin*, Ensign.

*Middletown* Company.

*John Peabody*, Captain,  
*Joseph Allen*, Lieutenant,  
*John Smith*, Ensign.

*Jeremiah Jenckes*, Lieutenant of the First Company of Militia in the Town of *Providence*, in the Room of *Isaac Bowen*, who declines; *Ezekiel Dexter*, Ensign in the same Company.



## An A C T. for further regulating the Military Corps of the County of *Newport*.

*As regulating  
the Militia of  
Newport.*

**W** H E R E A S in forming the present Military System in this State the District of *Rhode-Island*, and the other Islands contiguous, were not comprehended, being then in the Possession of the Enemy, whereby a District of the said County of *Newport* was annexed to the County of *Bristol*; and whereas it is necessary to form the Military Force of the said County of *Newport* agreeably to the System aforesaid.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly; and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Military Force of the County of *Newport* be formed into One Brigade: That the City of *Newport* form Four Companies of Infantry, and One of the Senior Class. That the Town of *Portsmouth* form One Company of Infantry, and the Town of *Middletown* One Company of Infantry; and that the said Two Towns form One Company of the Senior Class: That the Town of *Newshoram* form One Company of Infantry, and the Town of *Jamestown* One Company of Infantry, to be led by a Lieutenant and Ensign; and that the said Two Towns form One Company of the Senior Class to be led by a Lieutenant and Ensign: And that all the Corps of the Senior Class in the County of *Newport*, form One Battalion entire; and the aforesaid mentioned Companies of Infantry form another Battalion.



*Officers chosen.*

**BOTH** Houses being joined in a Grand Committee made Choice of the following Officers, to wit:

*John Short*, jun. Captain, *George Salisbury*, Lieutenant, *Abel Grant*, Ensign, in the Company of Militia in the Town of *Barrington*:

*Thomas Easterbrooks*, Captain, *Barney Lulber*, Lieutenant, *Allen Cole*, Ensign, in the Company of Militia in the Town of *Warren*:

*J. Marsh, jun.  
to be recognized.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *Peter Phillips*, Esq. be requested to recognize *Joshua Marsh*, jun. now confined in the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, with Two sufficient Sureties for his Appearance at the next Superior Court in the said County, then and there to answer to the Complaint on which he is committed and such Charges as shall be brought against him.

*A. Hopkins allowed £7. 17s 6d.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Aja Hopkins*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State:

*IT*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq. be and he is hereby directed to pay the Sum of *Nine Shillings and Nine Pence Half-Penny* into the General-Treasury; it being the Balance due to the State upon an Account by him exhibited, as reported by the Committee who audited the same.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nathan Miller*, Esq. be, and he is hereby permitted to pay the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, Part of the Balance due to the State on the Adjustment of his Account with the State at the Session in *February* last, in a State Note which was given him in Payment for Provisions furnished for the Army; provided no Interest be allowed on the said Note: That the Remainder of the said Balance, being *One Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be and the same is hereby granted to the Baptist Society in the Town of *Warren*, for establishing a Fund for the Support and Maintenance of the Public Worship of Almighty God in the said Town: And that the said Sum be paid by the said *Nathan Miller* to the Treasurer of the said Society for the Purpose aforesaid.

*J. Bowen* to pay 9/9½ into the General-Treasury.

*N. Miller* permitted to pay £. 300 into the Treasury in a State Note, and £. 142 15/- granted to the Baptist Society in *Warren*.



An ACT for renewing and altering the Name of a Charter granted by this General Assembly in *June*, A. D. 1754, incorporating a Body Politic by the Name of the *Fellowship-Club*.

Charter of the Marine Society.

WHEREAS *Oliver Ring Warner*, *Thomas Rumrell* and *Christopher Ellery*, Esquires, in the Name and Behalf of the Members of the *Fellowship-Club*, have represented unto this Assembly, that in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, they were incorporated into a Body Politic, and received a Charter, whereby they were entitled unto certain Privileges; which Institution hath been of great Utility, and tended to the Relief of the unfortunate Mariners, as well as great Assistance to the Widows and helpless Orphans of the deceased Members of the said Society: That the Members who still compose the said Corporation wishing and desiring to be as useful to the Community as possible, and to hold their Charter upon Principles constitutional, liberal and beneficial to the Public-Weal; and to the Intent that Philanthropy and useful Knowledge may prevail throughout their Body; and that deserving Citizens who are desirous of establishing Funds for the Relief of the Unfortunate and Distressed, and for promoting useful marine Knowledge, may participate in the said Society, have besought that said Charter be renewed, and that the same be altered from the first Institution of *Fellowship-Club* by calling the same the *Marine-Society*; which said Petition this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and being sensible of the great Advantage derived to the Community from the said Society; and willing and desirous to promote every laudable Undertaking:

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BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That Oliver Ring Warner, Thomas Rumrell, Christopher Ellery, John Thurston, Peleg Clarke, William Ladd, John Northam, William Minturn, George Champlin, Joseph Gardner, Abraham All, Caleb Gardner, William Shaw, Samuel Lawton, William Engs, John Lawton, John Hull, Charles Handy, jun. Benjamin Sayre, Benjamin Cozzens, Samuel Vernon, 2d. William Howland, Richard Cbillcott, Peleg Clarke, jun. and John Norris, the present Members of the said Society heretofore called and known by the Name of the *Fellowship-Club*, in Behalf of themselves and the said Society, be and they are hereby entitled to all the Rights, Privileges and Immunities which were heretofore granted unto them by the said Name and Addition ; and that from this Time and for ever hereafter they the said Oliver R. Warner, Thomas Rumrell, Christopher Ellery, John Thurston, Peleg Clark, William Ladd, John Northam, William Minturn, George Champlin, Joseph Gardner, Abraham All, Caleb Gardner, William Shaw, Samuel Lawton, William Engs, John Lawton, John Hull, Charles Handy, jun. Benjamin Sayer, Benjamin Cozzens, Samuel Vernon, 2d. William Howland, Richard Chilleott, Peleg Clarke, jun. and John Norris, and such others as they or the said Body Corporate shall admit to be of their Society or Corporation, shall be called and known by the Name of the *Marine Society* ; and they shall, and hereby are declared to be a Body Corporate ; and that they and their Successors, and those who shall be by them admitted, shall have perpetual Succession, and as a Body Politic by the Name of the *Marine Society*, shall be ruled and governed by the Rules and Orders that they have already made and herewith presented, with full Power and lawful Authority to choose their own Officers and to make and ordain all such other Laws, Statutes, Rules and Ordinances as they or the major Part of them shall at any and all Times hereafter agree upon for the Preservation and Advancement of the said Body Politic ; provided such Statutes, Rules and Ordinances are not repugnant to any of the Laws and Statutes of this State.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattles, Debts, Dues and Demands, which the said Body Corporate by the Name and Addition of *Fellowship-Club* were entitled to have, hold, use, occupy, claim, challenge, or demand, shall be, remain, and vest in the said Body Politic by the Name of the *Marine-Society*, in the same Way and Manner to all Intents and Purposes whatever as though the said Society had not been altered in Name and Addition : And that nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to alter, discharge, or otherways disable this Body Politic to recover all their just Rights and Demands which heretofore existed and belonged unto them as a Body Politic by the Name of the *Fellowship-Club*.



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Christopher Ellery* and *Robert Rogers*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to settle the Accounts of *Stephen Mumford*, Esq. late Collector of Impost and Intendant of Trade for the County of *Kent*; and that they report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Nine Shillings and Eleven Pence* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Freeman Perry*, Esq. it being the Amount of a Bill of Cost taxed in the Prosecution of *Paul Healy* for Theft, who was tried at a Justices Court in *Washington* County and acquitted.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Three Shillings and Six Pence* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Joseph Gordon*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Washington*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Rowland Brown* and *Ray Sands* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, viz :

Report of the Committee who received the Records, &c. from the late Clerk Superior Court *Washington*.

AGREEABLE to the Appointment of the Honorable the General Assembly the Subscribers on the Eleventh Day of *June*, A. D. 1785, received from *Edward Perry*, Esq: the late Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of *Washington*, the Files of Papers; Books of Records, and a large Quantity of Paper Money, as specified in the Account herewith presented, lodged in the said Office, and delivered the same to *Nathaniel Helme*, Jun. Esq. the now Clerk and took a Receipt therefor.

*Rowland Brown,*  
*Ray Sands.*

AND the said Report being duly considered,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Thomas Wells*, *William Hammond* and *Carder Hazard*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report of the Committee upon *R. Smith's* and *W. W. Pollock's* Dispute.

THE Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly a Committee to settle all Accounts between *Royzel Smith* and *William W. Pollock*, respecting the Tax assessed against the Point-Farm (so called) and in the Hands of the said *Pollock* to collect, beg Leave to report, that we have carefully examined every Charge and Circumstance, and upon due Consideration thereof, find a Balance due to the said *Smith* from the said *Pollock* of *One Pound Five Shillings and One Penny* Lawful Money, exclusive of the Sum of *Eighty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence Three Farthings*; formerly allowed by the

the General Assembly to the said *Pollock*; all which is submitted by your Honors most obedient Servants,

*Thomas Wells,*  
*W. Hammond,* } Committee.  
*Carder Hazard,*

June 24, 1785.

Which being duly considered,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

*T. Wells* allowed £.2 14s.  
*C. Hazard* £.1 16s. and *W. Hammond* £.2. 5s.  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed to *Thomas Wells*, Esq. the Sum of One Pound Sixteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed to *Carder Hazard*, Esq. and the Sum of Two Pounds Five Shillings Lawful Money be allowed to *William Hammond*, Esq. and that the said Sums be paid them respectively out of the General-Treasury; the same being the Amount of their Accounts exhibited for adjutting the Accounts of *Royzel Smith* and *William W. Pollock*.

*J. Bliven* allowed £.3 18s.  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *James Bliven*, a Deputy-Sheriff, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for apprehending *Timothy West* and *Eleanor Lampher*.

*N. Miller* appointed one of the Committee upon the Petition of *J. Tanner*.  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nathan Miller*, Esq. be and he is hereby appointed one of the Committee to consider the Petition of Mr. *Joseph Tanner*, preferred unto this Assembly at the Session in October last, in the Room of *Archibald Crary*, Esq. who is out of the State.

*G. Gibbs* to purchase a Bell for the State-House *Newport*.  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *George Gibbs* be and he is hereby requested to purchase a Bell at the Expence of the State, not exceeding Six Hundred Weight, for the Use of a Clock which a Number of the Citizens of *Newport* have contracted for at their private Expence, to be placed in the State-House in the City of *Newport*.

*W. Little* allowed £.5 0s. 6½.  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Five Pounds and Six Pence Half-Penny Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *William Little*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Washington*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.

Representation of the Committee upon the Interest of the Balance due to *J. Smith*.  
*WHEREAS* *Ezek Hopkins*, *Benjamin Bourne*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, Esquires, represented unto this Assembly as follows, to wit :

THE Subscribers beg Leave to represent to the Honorable the General Assembly, that there was an Omission in draughting the Vote upon a Report by us presented at the Session in *February* last respecting Depreciation due to *John Smith*, late a Soldier in this State's Continental

tinental Regiment, that by the said Vote the Interest commences on the First Day of *March*, A. D. 1785, instead of the First Day of *August*, A. D. 1780, the Time when the Balance became due agreeably to the said Report : Therefore we think it just that this Assembly direct the General-Treasurer to allow the Interest on the said Balance from the Time it became due.

*Ezek Hopkins,*  
*Benjamin Bourne,* } Committee.  
*Jeremiah Olney,*

WHICH being duly considered,

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to calculate the aforesaid Interest, and give his promissory Note for the Amount thereof to the said *John Smith*, payable on Demand with Interest.

WHEREAS His Excellency the Governor hath received official Information from His Excellency the Governor of the State of *Connecticut*, that great Disturbances have arisen between divers Citizens of this State and those of *Connecticut*, respecting the fishing in *Pawcatuck* River ; that Disorders and Breaches of the Peace have in Consequence taken Place ; and that the General Assembly of the said State of *Connecticut* have appointed a Committee to meet at *Stonington*, in the said State, on the Second Wednesday in *September* next, to confer with a Committee which it is requested this State will appoint to agree on proper Measures to be taken by both States to regulate the fishing in the said River, and to prevent such Disturbances between the Citizens of both States respectively :

Committee to meet a Committee from the State of *Connecticut* respecting *Pawcatuck* River.

*It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That *James M. Varnum*, and *Rose J. Helme*, Esquires, and Mr. *Oliver Davis*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to meet with the said Committee of the State of *Connecticut* : That they or any Two of them be and they are hereby empowered to agree on proper Measures for quieting the disorderly Proceedings and Disturbances aforesaid, to regulate the Fishery in the said River, and to adopt such other Measures as may be conducive to prevent any Disputes in future : That said Committee make Report of their Proceedings hereon to this Assembly at the next Session : And that His Excellency the Governor be requested to answer the Letter of His Excellency the Governor of the State of *Connecticut*, and transmit to him a Copy of this Resolution.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That Two Pounds Nine Shillings and Six Pence Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Pardon Gray*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited as One of the Committee in dividing and setting off the *Aqua-cut* Farm, &c. in the Year 1782.

*P. Gray* allowed £. 2 9/8.

*B. Waite* allowed £.4

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Lawful Money* be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Beriab Waite*, a Deputy-Sheriff, it being the Amount of an Account by him presented for apprehending divers Persons, and for removing *Christopher Starkes* from the Gaol in *Providence* to the Gaol in *Washington County*, by Order of the Superior Court.

*T. Tew* allowed £.7 16/11 $\frac{1}{4}$

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eleven Pence Three Farthings Lawful Money* be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Thomas Tew*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State, &c.

*T. Rumreill* to provide certain Articles for the Lighthouse.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Thomas Rumreill, Esq.* Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, be and he is hereby directed to provide for the Light-House on *Conanicut*, a Spade or Shovel, a Hand-Saw, and a proper Cloth to clean the Windows, and to cause the Leaks of the Light-House to be stopped, and the Dwelling-House to be pointed.

Committee to receive Records &c. from the late Clerk Superior Court *Newport* and deliver them to the present Clerk.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs George Champlin and Daniel Mason*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of *Walter Channing, Esq.* late Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of *Newport*, the Papers, &c. belonging to the said Office, and deliver the same to *Robert Rogers, Esq.* the present Clerk, giving and taking Receipts therefor.

General-Treasurer to give his Note to *J. Tanner* for £.15 16/10.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathan Miller* and *Robert Stanton* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, viz :

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable General Assembly to examine into the Subject Matter of the Petition of *Joseph Tanner*, having taken the Matter into Consideration, beg Leave to report, that in the Spring of the Year 1777, the said *Joseph Tanner* enlisted into the Continental Army under *Royzel Smith*, and it appearing by a Certificate from *Charles Holden* that no Receipt was procured from the said *Joseph Tanner* for any Money paid him for his Bounty, no Charge was made to the State ; but in the Account of the said *Royzel Smith* now before *Thomas Wells* and *William Hammond, Esquires*, for Adjustment, there is a Charge of Four Pounds and a Receipt for the said Sum received of the said *Royzel Smith* by the said *Joseph Tanner*, which leaves a Balance due to the said *Joseph Tanner* of Eighteen Pounds since his Enlistment as aforesaid, the whole Bounty being then Twenty-two Pounds.

*Nathan Miller,*  
*Robert Stanton.*

WHICH being duly considered,



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted : That the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Ten Pence* Lawful Money, being the consolidated Value of the said Balance, together with the Interest thereon from the First Day of April, A. D. 1777, be allowed to the said *Joseph Tanner*; and that the General-Treasurer give him his Note for the said Sum and Interest payable on Demand with Interest.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Salaries be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the undernamed Justices of the Superior Court for the Year 1784, to wit: *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money to *Paul Mumford, Esq.* *Twenty-four Pounds* Lawful Money to *Peter Phillips, Esq.* *Twenty-four Pounds* Lawful Money to *Thomas Tillinghast, Esq.* *Twenty-four Pounds* Lawful Money to *Jonathan Jenckes, Esq.* and *Twenty-four Pounds* Lawful Money to *Pardon Gray, Esq.*

Salaries allowed to the Justices of the Superior Court for 1784.

WHEREAS *Christopher Ellery* and *Robert Rogers, Esquires*, presented unto this Assembly the following States of Accounts and Report, to wit :

Report upon S. Mumford's Accounts.

STATE of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Stephen Mumford* Collector of Impost for the County of *Kent, Dr.*

To Amount of Orders drawn on the Impost.	} £.241 15 11
To an Account before exhibited,	44 5 0
To Commissions on £502 9s. 11d.	17 11 8
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BALANCE due to the State;	£.303 12 7
	198 17 4
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	£.502 9 11

Creditor,

By Amount of Duties collected from October 6, A. D. 1783, to May 16, A. D. 1785. } £.502 9 11

Errors Excepted.

*Stephen Mumford.*

STATE of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Stephen Mumford* Intendant of Trade, Dr.

1784

June, 1785.

1784

JULY. To Cash paid *Robert Stephens's* Order, £.13 9

Commissions at 5 per Cent. 1 9 4

BALANCE due to the State,

£.14 18 4

14 8 8

£.29 7 0

Creditor,

By Amount of Light Money received }  
to May 18, 1785. } £.29 7 0

Errors Excepted.

*Stephen Mumford.*

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the Honorable the General Assembly to settle the Accounts of *Stephen Mumford*, Esq. late Collector of Impost and Intendant of Trade for the County of *Kent*, do report, that there is due from the said *Stephen Mumford* to the State on the Impost Account *One Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Four Pence*, and as Intendant for Light Money *Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings and Eight Pence*, the Whole amounting to *Two Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings*.

*Christopher Ellery,* } Committee:  
*Robert Rogers.* }

*Newport, July 2, 1785.*

Which being duly considered,

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted: That the said Sum of *Two Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money be collected and paid into the General-Treasury on or before the Fourth Monday in *August* next: And that the Orders of the General-Treasurer which the said *Stephen Mumford* hath paid and which accompany the said Report be lodged in the General-Treasury.

Report upon  
*T. Rumreill's*  
Account,

WHEREAS Messieurs *George Champlin* and *Daniel Mason* presented unto this Assembly the following Account and Report, to wit:

STATE of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Thomas Rumreill* Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, Dr.

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June, 1785.

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1785.  
 JULY 1. To Amount of Sundries supplied the }  
 Light-House per Account, } £.277 12 7½  
 To Commissions on £.285 at 5 per Cent. 14 5 0  
 To *Jafon Rogers's* Note for Light Money, 16 2  
 £.292 13 9½

Creditor,

1785.  
 JULY 1. By Light Money received from July }  
 1, 1784, to July 1, 1785. } £.289 13 4  
 BALANCE due to *T. Rumreill*, 3 0 5½  
 £.292 13 9½

Errors Excepted,

*Thomas Rumreill.*

*Newport, July 1, 1785.*

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to examine the within Account, beg Leave to report, that we have compared the Account with the Books and Vouchers and find them agree; and that a Balance of *Three Pounds and Five Pence Three Farthings* is due to *Thomas Rumreill, Esq.* as by the within Statement. All which is submitted by your Honors obedient Servants;

*George Champlin,*  
*Daniel Mafon.*

WHICH being duly considered,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted: And that the said Balance of *Three Pounds and Five Pence Three Farthings* Lawful Money be paid to the said *Thomas Rumreill* out of the Money he may receive for Light Money.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly that a Number of Citizens of this State are under the Necessity of having their Families inoculated with the Small-Pox, as they will otherwise be exposed to that malignant Disorder in the natural Way; and whereas it is farther represented that proper Accomodations may be obtained for the Purpose aforesaid upon *New-Shoreham*:  
 Inoculation for the Small-Pox allowed on *New-Shoreham*.

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*It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Town-Council of the said Town of New-Shoreham be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to grant Permission for Inoculation as aforesaid, under such Conditions and Regulations as they shall direct: Provided nevertheless, that the said Town-Council of New-Shoreham confer and agree with the Corporation of the City of Newport upon the Regulations necessary to be observed as to the passing and repassing to and from New-Shoreham to Rhode-Island, while the Small-Pox shall be on New-Shoreham.*



An Act laying  
Duties upon  
certain Articles

An ACT for laying additional Duties on certain enumerated Articles, and for encouraging the Manufactory thereof within this State, and the United States of *America*.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That from and after the Tenth Day of July next there shall be paid for the Use of this State, and to be levied, collected and paid, in Manner and under the Penalties as by an Act laying an Impost of *Two per Centum ad Valorem* upon certain Articles therein enumerated, made and passed by the General Assembly of this State, at June Session, A. D. 1783, is ordered and prescribed, and for the Purpose in said Act declared, the following additional Impost or Duty on the Value, and at the Time and Place of Landing, on the following Goods and Articles, being of the Growth and Manufacture of any foreign State, Island or Plantation, to wit:—On Coopers Axes and Adzes, *Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, per Dozen; Drawing-Knives, Coopers Compasses, and Howels, *Six Shillings* per Dozen; broad Axes, *Twenty Shillings* per Dozen, narrow Axes, *Twelve Shillings* per Dozen; Hatchets, *Six Shillings* per Dozen; Scythes and Hoes, *Twenty per Centum* on the Value; all Tools for the Use of Blockmakers, Chaisemakers, Tanners, Curriers, Caulkers, Shoemakers, and Husbandmen (Sickles, Plane-Irons and Saws, excepted) Gouges, Chisels and Oakum, *Ten per Centum* on the Value; Loaf Sugar, *Three Pence* per Pound; every Beaver Hat, *Six Shillings*; every Castor Hat, *Three Shillings*; every Felt Hat, *One Shilling and Six Pence*; Playing Cards, *Twelve Shillings* for every Dozen Packs; Muffs, Tippets and Ermine, *Ten per Centum* on the Value; Paper charged at the Rate of *Eight Shillings*, Sterling Money of *Great-Britain* per Ream, and under that Price, and blank Paper Books for Accounts, *Twelve per Centum* on the Value; all wrought Pewter and wrought Tin Ware, *Twelve per Centum* on the Value; Boots, Shoes, Saddles, Bridles, Coach, Chaise and Horse Harness, Bellows, Wool and Cotton Cards, Horn Combs, Whips and Lashes for Whips, Mens and Womens Leather Gloves, *Twenty per Centum* on the Value; Cordage, Twine and Lincs, *Five per Centum* on the Value; all Sorts of Candles and Soap (Castile Soap

Sosp excepted) and all manufactured Tobacco, *Ten per Centum* on the Value ; all Garments ready made, walking Canes, Brush and Warming-Pan Handles, Mop-Sticks, Taylors Press and Notch Boards, House-Bells, Ham Watches and Childrens Toys, *Twenty-five per Centum* on the Value ; Iron hollow Ware, *Three Skillings* per Hundred Weight ; Womens Silk Shoes, *One Shilling and Six Pence* per Pair ; Womens Leather and Stuff Shoes, *One Skillings* per Pair ; all dressed or tanned Leather, *Three Pence* per Pound ; Cheese, *Three Pence* per Pound ; wrought Silver, *One Shilling* per Ounce ; wrought Gold, *Six Skillings* per Ounce ; every Clock and Gold Watch, *Eighteen Skillings* ; every Silver Watch, *Six Skillings* ; every Coach or Chariot, *Fifteen Pounds* ; every other Four-wheeled Carriage, *Seven Pounds Ten Skillings* ; every Curricie, Chaise, riding Chair, Kittereen, or Sulkey, *Three Pounds Fifteen Skillings* ; plated Buckles, Goldsmiths, Silversmiths and Jewellers wrought Ware, *Ten per Centum* on the Value ; Instrument-Makers Work, Cabinet-Makers Work, and framed Chairs, *Ten per Centum* on the Value ; Madeira Wine, *Four Pence* per Gallon ; all other Wines, *Two Pence* per Gallon ; Porter and Beer, *Ten per Centum* on the Value.



*It is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-six Pounds Twelve Skillings* Lawful Money be allowed *Jeremiah Olney, Esq.* late Commandant of the *Rhode-Island* Regiment, for extra Service in recruiting for the Campaign of 1782 ; and that the same be paid him out of the next State Tax. *J. Olney allowed £.36 12s*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Fifteen Skillings* Lawful Money be, allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Thomas Rumrell, Esq.* it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance in ascertaining the Depreciation on the Wages of this State's Brigade. *T. Rumrell allowed £.6 15s*

WHEREAS *Joseph Hunt, of East-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that his Father *Joseph Hunt* died seized of about Forty Acres of Land situate in *Warwick*, which by Law descends to him and his Sisters : That the said Land, together with Seventeen Acres lying in *East-Greenwich*, the Estate of him the Petitioner was by his Misconduct seized for the Use of the State, but has not been confiscated by any Court of Law : That there are several Debts against him and Execution, to the Amount of *Two Hundred Dollars*, a great Part of which was occasioned by the long Sickness and indisposition of his said Father : That unless he is relieved by this Assembly he must lay in Prison, to the Distress of his Family. And thereupon he prayed that the said Estate may be restored to him. *J. Hunt's Petition.*

AND the Premises being duly considered,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer thereof be and the same is hereby granted : And that the said Estate be surrendered and given up to the said *Joseph Hunt*, as though the same had never been taken into Possession by this State.

*E. Peck allowed £. 3 18/10* *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten Pence* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Elibu Peck*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Work done on the State-House Parade in *Providence*.

*Town-Council of Providence empowered to permit Inoculation.* *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Town-Council of the Town of *Providence* be and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to grant Permission for Inoculation for the Small-Pox in the said Town, under such Conditions and Regulations as they shall direct.

*E. Hazard to take her Husband's Estate, &c.* WHEREAS this Assembly did at the Session held in *November*, A. D. 1782, surrender the Estate which was confiscated to and for the Use of this State as belonging to *Thomas Hazard* an Absentee unto his Creditors, and did order and direct that if any of the said Estate should remain after the just Demands against the same were satisfied Mrs. *Eunice Hazard*, the Wife of the said *Thomas Hazard*, should hold the residue in Fee-simple, but did not empower her to act as a Feme-sole and to have the Management of the said Estate :

*It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Eunice Hazard* be and she is hereby empowered to have, receive and take all the Estate of the said *Thomas Hazard* within this State and to apply the same towards discharging his Debts contracted in this State before he left the same as an Absentee : That the said *Eunice Hazard* be and she is hereby empowered to bring any Action or Suit in her Name for recovering of any Debt, Dues or Demands which were owing or payable unto the said *Thomas Hazard* at the Time of his absenting himself ; and that she be liable for all the Estate of the said *Thomas Hazard* which shall come into her Hands towards discharging his Debts until the Whole shall be paid.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *George Champlin*, *Christopher Ellery* and *William Channing*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain and settle with the said *Eunice Hazard* the Amount of a Debt due from the said Estate to *Martin Howard*, jun. an Absentee, which has since become the Property of this State ; and that the said Committee make Report as soon as may be.

*F. Smith's Accounts recommended, &c.* *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Account of *Royce! Smith* presented unto this Assembly by *Thomas Wells* and *William Hammond*, Esquires, who were appointed a Committee to adjust the same together with their Report thereon be and the same is hereby recommitted to the said Committee : That Messieurs *James M. Varnum*, *Robert Rogers*

*Rogers and Paul Allen* be added to them ; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

WHEREAS a Number of the Citizens of this State preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that by Means of divers Persons erecting Dams, drawing Seines, &c. at and below *Pawtuxet* Falls and other Parts of the said River and its Branches, the well-known Fish called Alewives are entirely prevented passing to the Ponds where they used to go to spawn : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to revise the Laws heretofore made, so that all Obstructions relating to the Fishery in the said River and its Branches may be thereby removed :

Petition respecting the Fishery at Pawtuxet referred.

WHICH being duly considered,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be received ; and that the Secretary cause Notifications to be made in the *Providence* News-Papers, that all Persons who are concerned therein, or have any Objection to the granting the said Petition, may appear, if they see fit, at the next General Assembly wherever the same shall be holden.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Stephen Boyer* in full for a Certificate by him exhibited for a Blanket furnished for the Troops in the Year 1781.

S. Boyer allowed £.1

WHEREAS there is a large Account between *Thomas Greene*, Esq. late Deputy-Quarter-Master-General and Commissary of Military Stores within this State and the United States, which cannot be settled by the Commissioner of Accounts appointed for this State for want of the proper Vouchers, whereby many of the Inhabitants of this State are kept out of their just Dues ; and as the said Accounts were examined by a Committee appointed by Major-General *Gates*, at which Time the Vouchers belonging to the said Accounts were exhibited, but cannot be now found :

Delegates to be written to respecting T. Greene's Account.

*It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *William Ellery* and *David Howell*, Esquires, Delegates from this State at Congress, make immediate Application to the Honorable the Continental Congress, requesting that a special Resolve be passed empowering the said Commissioners to settle the said Accounts on the best Evidence that can be now obtained ; and that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Resolve to the said Delegates as soon as may be.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twelve Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Constant Taber*, Esq. Clerk of the Inferior Court for the County of *Newport*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for removing the Records of, and for his Attendance on, the said Court, &c.

C. Taber allowed £. 12 18/.

*G. Mumford* *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Gideon Mumford*, Esq. be and he is hereby directed to pay *Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence* Lawful Money into the General-Treasury, it being the Amount of Light Money by him received to the Fourteenth of *June* Instant; as Intendant of Trade for the Port of *East-Greenwich*.

Further Time given for collecting the last State Tax. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Payment of the last State Tax be further postponed until the Fourth Monday in *August* next: That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed at the Expiration of that Time to issue his Executions against the Town Treasurers of such Towns as shall then be deficient; and that Interest be collected and paid on the said Tax till the same shall be paid.

Powder to be delivered to Col. *Tillinghast* and *Sherburne*. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Half a Cask of damaged Powder be delivered from the Magazine in *Providence* upon an Order from the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq. to Col. *Daniel Tillinghast*, for the Use of the Artillery Company in the said Town: And that Half a Cask of like Powder be delivered to Col. *Henry Sherburne* for the Use of the military Companies in the City of *Newport*, if called for before the Sixth Day of *July* instant.

*T. Wells* allowed £.2 14s. and *W. Hammond* £.2 14s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Thomas Wells*, Esq. and the like Sum to *William Hammond*, Esq. the same being the Amount of their Accounts exhibited for adjusting the Account of *Reyzel Smith* with this State.

*Southwick* and *Barber* allowed £.19 10s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *Southwick* and *Barber*, it being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited for printing done for the State from *May* 7, to this Time.

*H. Barber* allowed 12s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Henry Barber*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for publishing *Two* Advertisements in the *Newport Mercury*.

General-Treasurer to give his Note in certain Cases. WHEREAS this Assembly did direct the Sheriff of the County of *Washington* to collect some Money due to the State, in the General-Treasurer's Notes; and whereas it is very difficult to collect the exact Sum in the said Notes:

*It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to give his Note for the Balance, that shall be due unto the Sheriff of the County of *Washington* upon the Notes he shall carry into the Treasury, after deducting the Sum the said Sheriff is to pay into the Treasurer's Office.

WHEREAS



WHEREAS the Books of Records of the late Town now City of *Newport*, in which were recorded the Deeds and Conveyances of the real Estates within the Limits of the said City were during the late War greatly defaced so as to be in a great Measure illegible; and whereas many of the said Deeds have been since recorded, and the giving Force and Efficacy to the same and the recording of others will be of public Utility and have a Tendency to prevent many Suits and Contentions in the Law :

Ad respecting  
the Records of  
the Town of  
Newport.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted,* That the Possessors of all Deeds, Instruments and Conveyances whatsoever, which have been heretofore recorded in the said Books, and have been since defaced as aforesaid, be empowered to have the same recorded in the present Books for recording of Deeds belonging to the said City of *Newport*; and that the Record thereof so made as also of such Deeds as have been already recorded in the said Books, shall be as good and valid in the Law as the original Records thereof if the same had not been defaced.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That Twelve Pounds Fifteen Skillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *George Westgate* a Deputy-Sheriff, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance upon the Courts and for apprehending divers Persons, &c. from A. D. 1777, to May A. D. 1784, and agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

G. Westgate  
allowed £. 12  
15/-

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That Twenty-seven Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Stephen Boyer*, the same being in full Compensation for his Slave enlisted into this State's Continental Battalion in the Year 1778, as reported by the Committee appointed to consider his Petition preferred unto this Assembly for that Purpose.

S. Boyer al-  
lowed £. 25

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Jeremiah Olney*, Esq. be and he is hereby added to the Committee appointed at the last Session of this Assembly to inquire into the Number of delinquent Classes in the Town of *South-Kingstown*, and to report against whom the General-Treasurer's Executions ought to issue: That the said Committee be continued, and that they report as soon as may be.

J. Olney ap-  
pointed one of  
the Committee  
delinquent  
Classes South-  
Kingstown.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *John Jencks* and *Rose J. Helme*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inquire into the Circumstances of the Gaol in *Washington* County; and that they report to this Assembly at the next Session a proper Plan for either repairing the old Gaol or erecting a new one, or what is necessary to be done respecting the same.

Committee to  
inquire into  
the Circum-  
stances of  
Washington  
Gaol.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That each and every Rope or Bunch of Onions which shall be offered for Sale in this State shall weigh Three Pounds

Ad ascertain-  
ing the Weight  
of a Bunch of  
Onions.

Pounds and an Half: That every Rope or Bunch of Onions which shall be offered for Sale weighing less than Three Pounds and an Half, shall be forfeited to and for the Use of the Person who will give Information thereof before any Justice of the Peace or Warden, who is hereby authorized to receive such Information, and thereupon cause all such Ropes or Bunches of Onions to be immediately seized; and on such Informations being duly proved, to cause the same to be declared forfeit as aforesaid.

*It is further Voted and Resolved,* That every Person who shall offer for Sale any Bunch or Rope of Onions short of the Weight hereby prescribed, shall also forfeit the Sum of Six Pounds Lawful Money, to be recovered by Information or Action before any one Justice of the Peace or Warden, any Resolve to the contrary notwithstanding.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That this Assembly at the next Session will order a Tax proportioned to the Necessities and Abilities of the State, to be assessed and levied upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants thereof.

Tax to be assessed next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That William Bradford and John Jenckes, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract and agree for the Building of a Gaol in the County of Bristol: And that they make a Plan for the Building the same, and report such Plan and the Terms of their Contract to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to contract for a Gaol in Bristol County.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That Ephraim Bowen, jun. Esq. Sheriff for the County of Providence, be and he is hereby empowered and directed to cause the Wood Work of the outside of the State-House in the said County to be sufficiently painted as soon as may be.

State-House Providence to be painted.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That Thirty-five Pounds Lawful Money be allowed to Jacob Briggs late a Soldier in the Rhode-Island Regiment, it being the Balance due to him to August 31, A. D. 1782, as appears by a Certificate from Lieutenant Col. Jeremiah Olney: That the said Balance be paid to Mr. Archibald Stewart as Assignee to the said Jacob Briggs: That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to give his promissory Note for the same with Interest from the said Thirty-first Day of August; and that the said Note be payable on Demand with Interest.

A Stewart allowed £.35 as Assignee to J. Briggs.

This Assembly having appointed a Committee to settle the Account of Solomon Southwick, Esq. do Vote and Resolve, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds Lawful Money be paid to him out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same.

S. Southwick allowed £.30

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Henry Sherburne, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited

H. Sherburne allowed £.3 12/6

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exhibited for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as Deputy-Secretary.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq. it-being the Amount of an Account by him presented for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower House. *B. Bourne* allowed £.4 4s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. La- tham Clarke*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter. *L. Clarke* allowed £.1 16s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Four Pence* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Thomas Melvill*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for cleaning the State-House, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter, &c. *T. Melvill* allowed £.2 16s/4

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. John Richards*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter. *J. Richards* allowed £.1 16s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Proceedings respecting the Petitions that were to have been tried at this Session be and the same are hereby stayed until the next Session. Proceedings respecting Petitions stayed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Providence* within Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the Fourth Monday in *August* next, then to meet at the State-House in *Bristol*. Adjournment.

GOD save the United States of AMERICA !

A true Copy, duly examined,

WITNESS,

*Henry Ward Searcy*







August, 1785.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Bristol*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Fourth *Monday* in *August*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, and in the Tenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

THE HONOURABLE

*Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Esq;

RICHARD SEARLE, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

GIDEON CLARKE, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

JOHN SMITH (*Gloucester*) Esq; }

Assistants.

HENRY GOODWIN, Esq; who is appointed Secretary *pro Tempore*.

DEPUTIES

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## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq;*  
 Henry Marchant, *Esq;*  
 Mr. George Champlin,  
 John Topham, *Esq;*  
 Peleg Clarke, *Esq;*  
 Mr. Daniel Mafon.

## PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq;*  
 Mr. Paul Allen,  
 Charles Keene, *Esq;*  
 Jeremiah Olney, *Esq;*

## PORTSMOUTH :

Mr. Holder Chace,  
 John Thurlston, *Esq;*  
 Benjamin Hall, *Esq;*  
 Mr. Benjamin Brownell.

## WARWICK :

Mr. Benjamin Greene,  
 Mr. Thomas Remington,  
 Benjamin Arnold, *Esq;*  
 Mr. Waterman Tibbits.

## WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq;*

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner, *jun.*  
 Mr. John Allen.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowse J. Helme, *Esq;*  
 Mr. Rowland Brown.

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Crary, *Esq;*  
 Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq;*

## JAMESTOWN :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq;*

## SMITHFIELD :

Mr. Stephen Arnold.

## SCITUATE :

Rufus Hopkins, *Esq;*  
 William West, *Esq;*

## GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Simon Smith.

## CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq;*  
 James Congdon, *Esq;*

## WEST-GREENWICH :

Samuel Hopkins, *Esq;*  
 Pardon Tillinghast, *Esq;*

## COVENTRY :

Mr. Jeremiah Fenner,  
 Isaac Johnston, *Esq;*

## EXETER :

Mr. Job Wilcox.

## MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Nicholas Easton.

## BRISTOL :

Mr. Speaker,  
 Mr. Stephen Smith.

## TIVERTON :

Mr. Benjamin Howland.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. William Ladd.

## WARREN :

Nathan Miller, *Esq;*  
 Robert Carr, *Esq;*

## CUMBERLAND :

James Lovett, *Esq;*  
 Jotham Carpenter, *Esq;*

## RICHMOND :

James Sheldon, *Esq;*  
 Mr. Thomas James.

## CRANSTON :

Israel Gorton, *Esq;*

## HOPKINTON :

Mr. Oliver Davis,  
 Mr. Thomas Wells, *2d.*

## JOHNSTON :

Peleg Williams, *Esq;*  
 Mr. Isaac Fisk.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Esek Hopkins, *Esq;*  
 Mr. Edward Smith.

## BARRINGTON :

Josiah Humphry, *Esq;*  
 Samuel Allen, *Esq;*

## FOSTER :

John Williams, *Esq;*

BENJAMIN BOURNE, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.



WHEREAS before the Commencement of the late War the Crown of Great-Britain was indebted to this (then Colony now) State, in about the Sum of *Two Thousand Six Hundred Pounds*, Sterling Money, for Money advanced for national Uses, which Sum still remains unpaid: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Honourable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; *Henry Marchant*, *George Hazard*, and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to devise and report some expedient Mode for procuring Payment of the said Debt.

Committee to devise Means to procure £ 2600 due from Great-Britain.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Paul Allen* and *Jeremiah Olney* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to settle and adjust the Accounts of *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; late Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*: That the said *Benjamin Bourne* collect the several Balances due as soon as may be, and immediately thereupon pay the same into the General-Treasury.

Committee to settle B. Bourne's Accounts.

WHEREAS Messrs. *George Champlin* and *Daniel Mason* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

Report of the Committee who received the Papers, &c. Superior Court Newport.

WE the Subscribers, pursuant to our Appointment, have received of *Walter Channing*, Esq; the late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. for the County of *Newport*, the Records, Files of Papers and Seal belonging to the said Office, and have delivered the same to *Robert Rogers*, Esq; the present Clerk.

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,  
DANIEL MASON.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of the Town of *Coventry* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that they had begun a Meeting-House at the West End of the said Town for the Purpose of public Worship; and that they are unable to finish the same without Assistance from the Public: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, agreeably to a Scheme by them presented, for raising the Sum of *One Hundred and Eighty Pounds*, Lawful Money, for the Purpose aforesaid; and that Messrs. *William Roy*, *Joshua Webb*, and *John Cranston*, may be appointed Managers thereof: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Lottery be and is hereby granted for raising the said Sum of *Six Hundred Dollars* for the said Purpose: That the said *William Roy*, *Joshua Webb*, and *John Cranston*, be appointed Managers thereof, they giving Bond for the faithful Performance of their Trust: That the said Scheme be and the same is hereby approved and established as the Scheme of the said Lottery; and that no Expence accrue thereon to the State.

Lottery granted for finishing the Meeting-House in Coventry.

WHEREAS *Olney Winsor*, Clerk of *Whipple-Hall Society*, presented unto this Assembly an Account charged against the United States, for the

Recommendation to E. Chinn to pay for the Use of Whipple-Hall.

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the Rent of *Whipple-Hall*, improved as a Laboratory from *February*, A. D. 1777, to *November* 1, A. D. 1780, and for Damages done to the said *Hall* during the said Time, amounting to *Eighty-eight Pounds*, Lawful Money; and also one other Account for the Rent of the said *Hall*, from *November* 1, A. D. 1780, to *February* 1, A. D. 1781, amounting to *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings*, like Money: And whereas the said Accounts appear to be well vouched, and reasonable: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to *Edward Chinn*, Esq; Commissioner for settling the Accounts of the United States in this State, to pay the same.

European  
Hemp pur-  
chased in other  
States not sub-  
ject to Duty,  
in case.

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of *Newport* and *Providence* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that by Reason of the Impost on *European Hemp* purchased in the neighbouring States, where an Impost has been paid on the Importation, they will be under the Necessity of ceasing to manufacture the same into Cordage; and thereupon prayed this Assembly that the said Impost may be taken off: Which being duly considered: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act of this Assembly, subjecting foreign Hemp to the Payment of an Impost, when imported from any of the United States, be and the same is hereby repealed; provided the Importer, Consignee or Carrier of such Hemp, produce a Certificate that an Impost of *Two and an Half per Cent.* has been paid on the same.

Report re-  
specting the  
Bounds of the  
Gaol Yard in  
*Providence*,  
&c.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly, *to wit*:

BEING called upon by the Sheriff to ascertain the North Bound of the Gaol Lot in the Town of *Providence*, and having measured off Forty Feet from the North-East Corner of the Brick House belonging to the Heirs of *Oliver Arnold*, deceased, and finding it to correspond with the Measure of the Committee who last run and ascertained the South Lot of the said Estate, we run the Course by Compass, and squared the Lot by a large Square, both which agreeing in a Point Nine Feet and Four Inches North of the North-West Corner of the Gaol from the Weather-Board, for the North Bound of the Lot and the South Bound of the said *Oliver Arnold's* North Lot, we fix it in that Place, being at the North-East Corner of the Chaise-House.

OBADIAH SPRAGUE,  
CHRISTOPHER SHELDON,  
ZEPHANIAH ANDREWS,  
SAMUEL BUTLER,  
MOSES BROWN.

*Providence, 19th 8th Month, 1785.*

WHICH being duly considered, *It is voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General and Mr. *Paul Allen* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to apply to Mrs. — *Arnold*, the Widow, and to the Heirs, of the said *Oliver Arnold*, for Possession of the said Land, reported to belong to the Gaol; and if Possession should be refused on Application, that the Attorney-General be and he is hereby directed to institute a Suit for the Recovery of the Possession of the same.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, by Mr. *Nathan Kinyon*, and *John Cooke*, Esq; that the latter hath agreed with the former to purchase of him the Lot No. 6, of the *Point-Judith* Farm (so called) lately bid off by the said *Nathan Kinyon* at public Vendue: And the said *John Cooke* offering to pay the Purchase Money for the said Lot, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, by and with the Consent of the Parties, That the said *John Cooke* pay the Money or Securities, for which the said Lot was struck off, to the Committee who sold the same, to be by them paid into the General-Treasury; and that upon the Receipt of the said Money or Securities, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to make and execute unto the said *John Cooke* a Deed of the said Lot, with its Appurtenances, conveying unto him all the Right, Interest and Estate, which *Samuel Sewall*, the late Owner, had in the same when it was confiscated, or that this State ever had or now hath in and to the same.

Deed of Lot  
No. 6 Point-  
Judith Farm  
to be given to  
J. Cooke.

WHEREAS *Peleg Clarke*, and *Thomas Rumvill*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and Report, *to wit* :

Report upon  
S. Southwick's  
Account.

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Solomon Southwick*, Dr.

To 2399 Rations of Provisions, supplied Capt. <i>John Carr's</i> Company, from Sept. 7 to Nov. 23, 1782, at 1 s. per Ration,	£ 119 19 0
To 868 Rations Ditto, in the Month of December, at 1 s.	43 8 0
To 735 Rations delivered for Prisoners of War, per Order of <i>Christopher Ellery</i> , Esq; from Sept. 26 to Nov. 26, inclusive, as per Account carried in and passed, at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per Ration,	32 2 6
To 34 lb. of Meal per Order of Ditto,	0 3 8
To 471 Rations delivered the same for Prisoners of War, from Nov. 30, 1782, to Jan. 24, 1783, inclusive, as per Agreement, at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per Ration,	20 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
To 2 Quires of Paper delivered Capt. <i>Carr</i> ,	0 2 6
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	£ 216 7 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Creditor.

Nov. 1782. } By an Order for £ 119 19, in Part of which he has received	
2 Hhds. Rum, containing 213 Gallons, at 3 s. 6 d.	£ 37 5 6
An Order in Favour of <i>James Congdon</i> ,	56 5 0
A Discount with Mr. <i>Channing</i> in the Rents due from <i>Thomas Clarke</i> to the State,	17 19 0
Balance due on the above Order, which he saith he has not received,	8 9 6

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£ 119 19 0  
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Nov. }	By an Order in Favour of <i>Thomas Hazard</i> , Esq;	£ 32	6	9
1782. }	By an Order in <i>February</i> , 1785,	18	0	0
	By Ditto in <i>June</i> Ditto,	30	0	0
	Balance due to <i>Solomon Southwick</i> ,	16	2	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
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		£ 216	7	9 $\frac{1}{4}$

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee to examine the Account of *Solomon Southwick*, Esq; which was preferred at *June* Session, A. D. 1785, do report, that we have examined the Schedules agreeably to Orders, and find a Balance due thereon of *Sixteen Pounds Two Shillings and an Halfpenny*, which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

PELEG CLARKE,  
THOMAS RUMREILL.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the above Report be accepted: That the Sum of *Twelve Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, Part of the said Balance, be paid to Capt. *Thomas Cole*, out of the General-Treasury, it being the Amount of an Order in his Favour given by the said *Solomon Southwick*: And that the Remainder of the said Balance, being *Three Pounds Four Shillings and an Halfpenny*, be paid to the said *Solomon Southwick* out of the General-Treasury.

M. Bowler's  
Petition.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that at the Session of this Assembly in *June*, A. D. 1784, a certain Cause, wherein he, *Simeon Potter*, and *Samuel Sweet*, were Parties, was submitted to the Determination of Messieurs *John Coffin Jones*, *Leonard Jarvis*, and *Isaiab Doane*, Merchants in *Boston*, who were to report the Sum that should be found due to the said *Samuel Sweet*: That the Rule of Reference was so drawn as not to permit the Referees to discriminate between the Parties, but to report the Sum due as aforesaid: That they have accordingly awarded the Sum of *Sixteen Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Nine Shillings and Fourpence*, and Costs, amounting in the Whole to *Seventeen Hundred and Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Twopence*, Lawful Money, to be paid by the said *Simeon Potter* and himself to the said *Samuel Sweet*: That by Virtue of a foreign Attachment lodged in his Hands, A. D. 1766, he was obliged to pay the Sum of *Two Hundred and Two Pounds*, Lawful Money, it being his Proportion of the said Debt: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly for Relief:

AND whereas the said *Metcalf Bowler* is greatly reduced in his Circumstances, and utterly unable to discharge any Part of the said Judgment, and as Justice and Equity plainly dictate that the said Judgment should be equally paid by this State, as holding the Estate of the late *Joseph Wanton*, and by the said *Simeon Potter*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, by the Consent of all Parties, That in Addition to One Third Part of the said Judgment already discharged by this State, there be further paid out of the General-Treasury to the said *Samuel Sweet* One Sixth Part of the said Judgment, being a Majority  
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of the said *Metcalf Bowler's* Proportion thereof: That the said *Simeon Potter* pay and satisfy unto the said *Samuel Sweet* the Remainder of the said Judgment, including the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, which he has already paid: And that on the said *Simeon Potter's* paying the same, he be fully discharged and acquitted from all Demands of the said *Samuel Sweet* in that Behalf.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, Law-ful Money, be advanced to *Thomas Rumrell, Esq;* to be applied in repairing and putting in Order the Light-House on *Beaver-Tail*: That the said Money be paid him by any of the Intendants of Trade, out of the Light-Money by them received; and that the said *Thomas Rumrell* account for the same.

*T. Rumrell* allowed £150 to repair the Light-House.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary, within Ten Days after the Rising of every Session of this Assembly, make out and transmit, to the Persons concerned therein, Copies of all Votes appointing Committees to act in the Recess of the General Assembly, or directing any Thing to be done by any Officer of this State or others; to the End that the same may be carried into Effect, agreeably to the true Intention and Meaning thereof.

Secretary to send Copies of Votes appointing Committees to those concerned.



*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof* it is Enacted, That the following Bill, purporting a Charter to certain Members of the *Baptist Society in Warren*, pass as an Act of this Assembly; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to sign the same, and cause the Seal of the State to be thereto affixed, which shall render the same valid to all Intents and Purposes.

Act incorporating the Benevolent Baptist Society in Warren.

An A C T to incorporate certain Persons, by the Name of the *Benevolent Baptist Society*, in the Town of *Warren*, in the County of *Bristol*, in this State.

WHEREAS divers Persons have petitioned this Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, whereby they may be enabled to promote certain Purposes herein after mentioned:

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof* it is Enacted, That *Ebenezer Cole, Joseph Eddy, Nathan Bardin, Peter Reynolds, Edward Cole, Benjamin Cole (the 2d) Thomas Easterbrooke, Nathan Carpenter, Samuel Hicks, Nathan Munro, Ezra Ormsbe, Nathan Miller, Edward Eddy, Level Maxwell, Sylvester Child, John Thurber, Caleb Turner, Curtis Cole, Seth Snell, Nathan Bowen, John T. Child, William Barton, Robert Carr, Joseph Whitmarsh, Joseph Smith, Daniel Kelly, Benjamin Cole, Nathaniel Martin, Rufus Barton, Moses Tyler,*  
*Joseph*

*Joseph Kelly, Ichabod Cole, Simeon Twogood, Charles Wheaton, Abner Luster, John Harding, Abiel Easterbrooke, James Child, Jacob Sanders, and William T. Miller,* together with such others as they shall elect from Time to Time, shall be forever hereafter a Body corporate and politic, in Fact and Name, by the Name of the *Benevolent Baptist Society*, in the Town of *Warren*, in the County of *Bristol*, in the State aforesaid, for the Purpose of raising a Fund by free and voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, for the Support of public Worship in the *Baptist Church and Society* in the Town of *Warren* aforesaid, of which the Reverend *Charles Thompson* was the late Pastor : And the said *Benevolent Society* is hereby empowered to take, receive and hold, all and any voluntary Subscriptions, Legacies and Donations, of any Sum or Sums of Money, or of any real or personal Estate; and also to have, possess or acquire, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Goods and Chattels whatsoever, and the same to lett, lease, grant, demise, aliene, bargain, sell, convey and dispose of, by Deed or Deeds under their Seal, at their own Will and Pleasure; and shall and may be Persons capable in Law, as a Body corporate, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against, in all Courts and Places, and before all proper Judges whatsoever, in all and singular Suit and Suits, Causes and Actions, of what Kind soever, in the fullest and amplest Manner. And if it shall happen that the said *Benevolent Society* shall become seized of Lands or Tenements by Mortgage, as Security for Payment of any Debt or Debts, or by levying Execution on Lands or Tenements for discharging any Debt or Debts that shall be due to the said *Benevolent Society*, it shall be lawful for them, by Deed under their Seal, to sell and convey the Lands and Tenements acquired by either of the said two mentioned Ways.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That there shall be a Meeting of the said *Benevolent Society* in the said Town of *Warren*, on the First Monday in March yearly forever; at which Time, for the better ordering and managing the Affairs of the said *Benevolent Society*, they shall out of their own Body politic, by a Majority of their Members present, elect a President, a Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and such other Officers as they shall judge needful. And all Officers chosen as aforesaid shall, before they are qualified to act, be sworn to the faithful Performance of their respective Trusts.

*AND be it further Enacted,* That there shall be a Meeting of the said *Benevolent Society* at *Warren* aforesaid on the First Mondays in June, September and December, in every Year, and oftener when and where they shall think needful and fit.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said *Benevolent Society* shall have a common Seal, which it shall be lawful for them to alter, change, break and make anew, at Pleasure; and that the said *Benevolent Society*, by the Name aforesaid, they and their Successors, shall have perpetual Succession.

*AND*

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the aforesaid *Nathan Miller* be the First President, the aforesaid *Ebenezer Cole* the First Vice-President, the aforesaid *Robert Carr* the First Treasurer, and the aforesaid *William T. Miller* the First Secretary, of the said *Benevolent Society*, to continue in their respective Offices until the First Monday in March next.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That all Donations to the said *Benevolent Society*, by voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy or otherwise (excepting such as shall be differently appropriated by the Donors) shall make a Part of and be put into the capital Stock or Fund of the said *Benevolent Society*, and shall be put out on Interest on good Security for One Year, or otherwise improved to the best Advantage; and the Income and Profits thereof shall solely be applied and appropriated to the Support of public Worship in the aforesaid *Benevolent Society*, until the Interest shall exceed the Sum said Society shall deem sufficient for the Support of the Minister of said *Baptist Church* and Society; the Overplus to be appropriated to such other Uses as a Majority of the said *Benevolent Society* shall order and determine at any regular stated Meeting.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said *Benevolent Society*, at any of their Meetings, may elect into their Body such Persons as they shall judge proper, and may appoint a Committee or Committees to prosecute the Orders of the said *Benevolent Society*, audit the Treasurer's Accounts, and prepare Matters for the Society to act upon; and that the said *Benevolent Society* shall have, and there is hereby granted unto them, at any of their stated Meetings, full Power to make such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, and to alter the same, as they shall judge needful, for the better Government of the said *Benevolent Society*: Provided that such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, be not repugnant to the Laws of this State, or the Design of their Institution.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That any Nine of the Members (the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, always to be One) being convened at any regular Time of meeting, are hereby declared to be a Quorum of said Society.

AND to the End that the Members of said *Benevolent Society*, and all Contributors thereto, may know the State of their Stock, and the Disposition of the Income and Profits thereof, *Be it further Enacted*, That a particular Account of such Stock and Disposition shall be exhibited by the Treasurer at every Quarterly-Meeting, and be examined by a Committee of the said *Benevolent Society*; who, upon finding it to be true, shall certify the same in Writing under their Hands: And fair Entries shall be made in proper Books provided for the Purpose of all Donations, Legacies, Subscriptions and Contributions, made to the said *Benevolent Society*, and of all Estates both real and personal belonging to them, and of the Income thereof, and also of all their Transactions, either by themselves or by their Officers or Committees, for and on Account of the said *Benevolent Society*; and the said Books shall be

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brought to every of the said Quarterly-Meetings, and shall be there opened for the Perusal and Examination of the Members of the said *Benevolent Society*.

AND be it further Enacted, That if ever there shall be a less Number than Nine belonging to the said *Benevolent Society*, then all Money, Bonds, Mortgages, Deeds, Notes, Obligations, Books and Papers of every Kind, together with all the Estate both real and personal whatsoever, at that Time belonging to the said *Benevolent Society*, shall be given up to, and the sole Property thereof be vested in, the *Baptist Church* in *Warren* aforesaid, believing in Believers Baptism by Immersion only, for whose Use and Benefit the said *Benevolent Society* is instituted, to be lodged in the Hands of any One or more Persons whom a Majority of that Church shall appoint to receive the same.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Part of this Act shall be construed or understood to grant any Power or Powers to the said *Benevolent Society*, to raise any Sum or Sums of Money for the Purpose aforesaid, any otherwise than by free and voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy or Donation.

IN Testimony whereof, I, *William Greene*, Esq; Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of and over the said State, have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of the said State to be affixed, this Twenty-seventh Day of *August*, in the Year above written.

*William Greene*

Tax of  
£ 20,000 or  
dered.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Tax of Twenty Thousand Pounds, Lawful Money, be levied on the rateable Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this State, to be appropriated as this Assembly shall direct and order: And that Messieurs *George Champlin*, *Thomas Howland*, *John Jenckes*, *William West*, *Rowse J. Helme*, *Oliver Davis*, *Nathan Miller*, *Stephen Smith*, *Benjamin Greene*, and *Isaac Johnston*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to apportion the same; and to draught a Bill for the levying, collecting and paying, the same accordingly.

B. Wheeler allowed £ 14 1.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Four Shillings and One Penny, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Bennett Wheeler*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for printing divers Acts of this Assembly, &c. from May 19 to August 22, A. D. 1785.

Further Time  
given for the  
Payment of  
Taxes.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That further Time be allowed to the several Towns delinquent in collecting and paying into the General-Treasury their respective Quotas of the several Continental and State Taxes now in Arrear and unpaid: That the same be collected and paid into the General-Treasury, on or before the First Day of *October* next; and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed



to issue his Executions against the Town-Treasurers of the several Towns which shall be delinquent on the said First Day of *October*, returnable in Ten-Days.

WHEREAS it is represented to this Assembly, that Mr. *Caleb Greene* was the Owner of One Quarter Part of a Negro Man named *Peter*, who inlisted into the Army in the late War, and for whom this Assembly have paid to *James Lovett*, Esq; the whole Amount of his Appraisement; and that the said *Caleb Greene*, previous to the said Negro's Inlistment; released to the said Negro all Claim he had to him: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *James Lovett* be requested to produce to this Assembly, at their next Session, the Bill of Sale, if any he hath, of the said Negro; and that Mr. *Paul Allen* be requested to call on the said *Caleb Greene* to furnish Proof, if any he hath, of any Right or Property which he had in the said Negro.

*J. Lovett to produce a Bill of Sale of a Negro named Peter, &c.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Sixty Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed to his Excellency the Governor, and Forty-five Pounds, like Money, to his Honour the Deputy-Governor, for their Salaries respectively, for the Year 1784; and that Orders issue upon the General-Treasury accordingly.

Governor allowed £ 60; Deputy-Governor £ 45.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds Twelve Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Daniel Cooke*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Service done in the Secretary's Office, in bringing forward the public Records, &c.

*D. Cooke allowed £ 6 12.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds Seven Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *Nataniel Wheaton* and *Nathan Waterman*, as Overseers of the Poor in the Town of *Providence*; it being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited for the Support, &c. of *John Skerms*, an European, inlisted as a Soldier for this State in the late War.

Overseers of the Poor of Providence allowed £ 3 7.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Case*, of *West-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he is indebted unto this State in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, Lawful Money; and thereupon prayed that he may be allowed to pay the same in a State Note: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

*T. Case allowed to pay £ 20 in a State Note.*

UPON the Representation of Major *John S. Dexter*, an Agent for the Continental Troops of this State, and in Pursuance of the Recommendation of Congress of the 27th of May last, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *John Jenckes*, *Paul Allen*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine the Services of the said *John S. Dexter*, as Agent as aforesaid, to report a just Allowance therefor, and to receive from him the Certificates which remain in his Hands undelivered.

Committee to value the Services of *J. S. Dexter, &c.*

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*N. Kinyon* allowed £ 36 4d. WHEREAS Mr. *Nathan Kinyon* presented unto this Assembly a Note to him assigned, dated *November 13, A. D. 1784*, for *Thirty-six Pounds and Fourpence*, Lawful Money, payable on Demand, with Interest, to *Peleg Sanders* or Order, and signed by the General-Treasurer: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Note be cancelled; and that the said Sum, with Interest, be paid to the said *Nathan Kinyon* out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Arnold* allowed £ 60. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Sixty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be advanced to *Thomas Arnold*, an Invalid, on Account of his Half Pay as a Captain in the Regiment commanded by the late Colonel *Christopher Greene*; and that the same be paid him out of the General-Treasury.

Recommendation to *E. Chinn*, to pay for the Use of the School-House in *Providence*. WHEREAS *James Arnold*, Esq; Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account charged against the United States, for the Use of the Brick School-House in the said Town, improved as a Laboratory, &c. from *December, A. D. 1776, to August, A. D. 1784*, amounting to *Eighty-five Pounds*, Lawful Money: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to *Edward Chinn*, Esq; the Commissioner for settling the public Accounts in this State, to pay the said Account, it appearing to this Assembly to be well vouched, and reasonably charged.

Exclusive Right granted to *J. Jenckes* and *L. Arnold* for sawing Marble by Water. WHEREAS *John Jenckes*, of *Providence*, in the County of *Providence*, Esq; and *Luke Arnold*, of *Smithfield*, in the County aforesaid, Yeoman, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that they are possessed of a Quarry in *Smithfield* aforesaid, yielding excellent Marble for various Uses: That the Price of Labour is so high, it cannot be worked to any Advantage by Hand: That they are possessed of a convenient Stream of Water, for erecting Works for sawing the Marble into Columns, Slabs, Chimney-Pieces, and other Forms: That the Attempt will be attended with great Expence, and considerable Risque: That if it should succeed, it will afford a very valuable Article of Exportation, and be otherwise advantageous to the State: But that there is Danger, in case they meet with Success, that other Works of the same Kind may be erected, which may deprive them of the Profits they ought to receive from making a first Attempt, with so great Expence as they must necessarily be at: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them an exclusive Right, for sawing and working Marble by Water-Machines, for a reasonable Term of Time.

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That an exclusive Privilege be granted to the said *John Jenckes* and *Luke Arnold*, of sawing and working Marble by Water-Machines for the Term of Seven Years from this Time: Provided the necessary Works and Machines for that Purpose be erected in One Year from this Time, and not otherwise.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *John Drummond*, Commander of the Ship *Anastasia*, lately arrived in this State from *Waterford*, in *Ireland*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that upon his Arrival having no Intention of landing the greater Part of his Cargo, and being informed that a Duty would be exacted on such Goods only as he should land, he made an Entry thereof, agreeably to the Laws of the State: That he has since been informed by the Collector of Impost, that the Law relating to such Cases is inexplicit, and that it is out of his Power to exempt any Part of said Goods from a Duty; and thereupon the said *John Drummond* prayed this Assembly to direct the Collector of Impost to exact a Duty on such Part of his Goods only as shall be landed: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Drummond* pay the whole Duties, both *ad Valorem*, and by Enumeration, upon all the Goods of his said Cargo that he has landed or shall land from his said Vessel; and that upon all Goods which shall not be landed, he pay a Duty of *Two and an Half per Cent. ad Valorem* only.

*J. Drummond's Petition.*

WHEREAS the Town of *South-Kingsfown* is greatly in Arrear for Taxes heretofore assessed upon the said Town: And whereas the Representatives of the said Town have represented unto this Assembly, that from the great Scarcity of circulating Cash, and the Poverty of the said Town, it is impossible for the Inhabitants thereof to pay the said outstanding Taxes in Gold and Silver: That they have the greatest Prospect of procuring Certificates issued by the General-Treasurer for the Interest of Loan-Office Certificates, and Debts consolidated by *Edward Chinn*, Esq; the Commissioner for settling the Accounts of the United States in this State; and that thereby they will be enabled to pay their Arrears, and be upon a Footing with their Sister Towns: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Inhabitants of the Town of *South-Kingsfown* be and they are hereby allowed to pay unto the several Collectors of Taxes in the said Town, their several and respective Taxes in Certificates which are now issued or may be issued by the General-Treasurer, before the last *Monday* of *October* next, for the Interest upon Loan-Office Certificates, or for Debts liquidated and consolidated by the said *Edward Chinn*, except the Taxes whereof *Mr. William Wilson Pollock* is Collector: That the several Collectors in the said Town (saving and excepting the said *William Wilson Pollock*) be and they are hereby directed, authorized and required, to receive the several Taxes, as well State as Continental, either in Gold, Silver, or Certificates issued by the General-Treasurer of this State for Interest due upon Loan-Office Certificates, and for Interest Certificates of the Debts liquidated and consolidated by the said *Edward Chinn*; and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to receive of the said several Collectors of Taxes in the said Town (except the said *William Wilson Pollock*) any of the before mentioned Certificates in Discharge of any of the Taxes they are now collecting, or which heretofore ought to have been collected and paid into the General-Treasury.

*South-Kingsfown allowed to pay their Arrearages in Certificates, &c.*

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the several Collectors of the State and Continental Taxes in the said Town (*William Wilson Pollock* aforesaid only excepted) be and they are hereby allowed a further Time, until the last *Monday* in *October* next, to collect and pay into the General-Treasury their several and respective Taxes; and that if the said Taxes be not then paid, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue his Execution in due Form of Law, to collect the Deficiency in Gold or Silver.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Collectors of Taxes, in the several Towns of this State, be and they are hereby directed to receive, in Payment of the Taxes they are now collecting, any Certificates issued by the General-Treasurer for the Interest of the Debts liquidated and consolidated by the said *Edward Ckinn*.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the several Collectors of Taxes in the said Town of *South-Kingstown* from receiving in Payment of Taxes Orders upon the General-Treasury as usual: *Provided nevertheless*, That the said Collectors pay into the General-Treasury the Money already collected in Silver and Gold, or such other Certificates as they have heretofore received.

Committee to  
consider *J.*  
*Lawton's* Pe-  
tition.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Paul Allen*, *Esek Hopkins*, and *Archibald Crary*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Facts set forth in a Petition preferred unto this Assembly by Mr. *John Lawton*, respecting the boarding, nursing, &c. of Mr. *Daniel Tillinghast*, jun. who was wounded in this State's Service in the Year 1776; and that the said Committee report as soon as may be what Compensation ought to be made him:

Committee to  
state *R. Bar-*  
*ton's* Case to  
Congress.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *James M. Varnum*, and *Henry Mar-  
chant*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to state the Case of Mr. *Rufus Barton*, who preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, praying Payment of a Judgment obtained against him on Account of Rum taken from Messieurs *Cobb* and *Bates*, in the Year 1778, and by him received as Commissary to General *Cornell's* Brigade; and that the said Committee represent the same to Congress, requesting them to extend unto the said *Rufus Barton* adequate Relief therefor.

Explanation of  
former Acts  
respecting Im-  
post.

WHEREAS some Doubt hath arisen in the Mind of the Collector of Impost in the County of *Providence*, whether upon the last Act of this Assembly for laying additional Duties, the Duties are to be collected and paid upon any Articles but such as are landed: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That whenever any Master or Commander of any Vessel shall make an Entry of the said Vessel's Cargo, or any Part thereof, in any Port in this State, whereon any Duties are laid by the said Act, or any other Act of this State, the Duties on all the Articles, Goods and Merchandize, so laid, and which shall be on board such Vessel at the Time of Entry, shall be demandable and paid, under the Penalties by the said Acts prescribed.

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An ACT for granting and apportioning a Tax of  
*Twenty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, upon  
the Inhabitants of this State.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof <sup>Apportion-ment of the Tax.</sup> it is Enacted, That a Tax for raising the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, payable in Gold or Silver, be granted and assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this State, on or before the First Day of *October* next; and that the said Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* be collected, and paid into the General-Treasury of this State, on or before the First Day of *January*, A.D. 1786.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax be *Ten Shillings*, being *Sixpence* upon every Thousand Pounds: And that all male Persons of *Twenty-one Years* of Age and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Tax shall be and the same is hereby assessed unto and upon the City of *Newport*, and the several Towns, in the following Proportions, to wit:

<i>Newport</i> shall pay	£ 1030 0 0
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	617 12 0
<i>Jamestown,</i>	289 10 0
<i>Middletown,</i>	340 19 0
<i>Tiverton,</i>	707 13 4
<i>Little-Compton,</i>	579 0 0
<i>New-Shoreham,</i>	194 0 0
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<i>Providence,</i>	1608 6 8
<i>Smithfield,</i>	1286 13 4
<i>Scituate,</i>	675 10 0
<i>Glocester,</i>	1003 12 0
<i>Cumberland,</i>	591 17 4
<i>Cranston,</i>	791 6 0
<i>Johnston,</i>	413 0 4
<i>North-Providence,</i>	289 10 0
<i>Foster,</i>	463 4 0
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<i>Westerly,</i>	624 0 8
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	952 2 8
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	1701 0 0
<i>Charlestown,</i>	521 18 0
<i>Richmond,</i>	452 18 2
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	585 8 8
<i>Exeter,</i>	656 4 0
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	<i>Bristol,</i>

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<i>Bristol,</i>	£ 420	1	10	
<i>Warren,</i>	254	2	4	
<i>Barrington,</i>	197	9	10	
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<i>Warwick,</i>	1126	0	0	
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	512	1	8	
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	471	11	2	
<i>Coventry,</i>	643	6	3	
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				£ 20,000 0 0

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum in which they shall be deficient, until the same be paid : That each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer : That the Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns be and they are hereby empowered and directed to collect the Interest with the Principal from the delinquent Individuals, after the aforesaid Time ; and that, in case any Execution shall be issued from the General-Treasurer against the Treasurers of any delinquent Towns, the Collectors be and hereby are empowered and directed to collect from the individual Delinquents all the Costs and Expences which shall accrue thereon, in Proportion to the Sums due from such Delinquents respectively.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, on or before the Fifteenth Day of *October* next ; who is hereby directed and required to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer ; and that the General-Treasurer be and hereby is directed and required to issue his Warrant within Four Days to the several Town-Treasurers, to be by them delivered to the several Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, collect, and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of the said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized

thorized and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town, for its Proportion or Deficiency of the said Tax, which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond and Security, that shall be by him taken from the Collectors of the said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond and Security shall be so taken; which Special Court shall be convened in the usual Manner, have the same Power as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State, and take the same Fees. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be and they are hereby required, to send the Names of the Town-Treasurers and Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they shall send a Copy of the Rate-List.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Assessors of Taxes be and they are hereby empowered to consider the Circumstances of the Poor in their respective Towns, and exempt such from the Poll-Tax as they shall think unable to pay the same.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the several Towns be and they are hereby empowered to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the aforesaid *Twenty Thousand Pounds* be appropriated to and for such Uses as the General Assembly shall or may hereafter direct.

*A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in the State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town: And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.



*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Fifty Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Anthony Vandoorn*; it being the Amount of a Certificate, and Interest thereon, by him exhibited, for a Slave enlisted into this State's Continental Battalion in the Year 1778.

*A. Vandoorn*  
allowed £ 30  
4s. 4d.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. which ought by their stated Terms to have been held in *Bristol*, in and for the County of *Bristol* Business before the Superior Court at Bristol revived.

of *Bristol*, in the Month of *October*, A. D. 1784, and in the Month of *April*, A. D. 1785, was not by some Accident held; and as it is necessary that the Business of the said Terms should be heard, tried and determined, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Court, at their next stated Term in *Bristol* aforesaid, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed, to hear, try and determine, all such Business as yet remains unfinished, which ought to have been heard, tried and determined, at either of the said Terms, in the same Manner as though such Business had been regularly continued from the said stated Terms.

Report upon  
A. Spooner's  
and L. Oliver's  
Account.

WHEREAS Messieurs *John Jenckes* and *Paul Allen*, who were appointed a Committee to adjust the Account of Mr. *Andrew Spooner*, and Miss *Louisa Oliver*, for the Rent of One Quarter Part of the *Aquacut* Farm, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

IN Obedience to our Appointment by the Honourable General Assembly, to examine the said Account, we do report, that from the best Vouchers we can obtain, there is a Balance due to Mr. *Andrew Spooner*, and Miss *Louisa Oliver*, Heirs of *Andrew Oliver*, for their One Quarter Part of the Money paid into the General-Treasury, for the Rents of the *Aquacut* Farm for the Years 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780 and 1781, the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, Lawful Money. All which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.  
PAUL ALLEN, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed; and that the General-Treasurer give his Note therefor, payable on Demand, with Interest.

Establishing  
the Weight of  
Onions.

WHEREAS it is represented to this Assembly, that the Weight of a Rope or Bunch of Onions, as established at the last Session of this Assembly, is too large: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Weight of a merchantable Rope or Bunch of Onions be reduced to Three Pounds, any Resolve to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Addition to  
the Committee  
to adjust the  
Accounts of  
the Keeper of  
the Grand  
Committee's  
Office.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *George Champlin* and *Rowse J. Helme* be and they are hereby joined to the Committee; appointed to adjust and settle the Accounts of the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office; and that they report thereon as soon as may be.

S. Smith al-  
lowed £ 1 4 1.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Stephen Smith*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Use of his House by the Committee who apportioned the Tax, &c.

R. Smith al-  
lowed £ 4  
15 1.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Richard Smith*,



*Smith, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for forwarding divers Acts and Orders of this Assembly in the said County, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, &c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and A. Hopkins allowed £ 9*  
*Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Afa Hopkins*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*; in full for an Account by him exhibited, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the State. *19 s. 10 d.*

WHEREAS *William Reed*, of *Smithfield*, was discharged from the Gaol *W. Reed to be*  
in *Providence*, by this Assembly; and he having not paid his Prison-Fees due to the Gaol-Keeper, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Reed* be recommitted to the said Gaol in *Providence*, and there remain, till he pay the Fees due as aforesaid. *recommitted to Gaol.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Nathaniel Smith*, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter. *N. Smith allowed £ 1 16 s.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Shubael Kinnicut*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, &c. *S. Kinnicut allowed £ 2 s.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds Five Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed to Mr. *John Hicks*, for his Boat taken into public Service in *January*, A. D. 1777, and lost, agreeably to the Report of the Committee who valued the same; and that the General-Treasurer give his Note for the said Sum, payable on Demand, with Interest. *J. Hicks allowed £ 7 5 s.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House, &c. *B. Bourne allowed £ 4 5 s. 6 d.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Goodwin*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as Secretary *pro Tempore*. *H. Goodwin allowed £ 3 12 s.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Five Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed to *John Cooke*, Esq; for a Boat belonging to him, taken into public Service in the Year 1778, and lost, agreeably to the Report of the Committee who valued the same; and that the General-Treasurer give his Note for the said Sum, payable on Demand, with Interest. *J. Cooke allowed £ 5 8 s.*

August, 1785.

*N. Waldron* allowed £ 1 16s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Nathaniel Waldron*, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

*C. Gardner*, jun. allowed £ 2 6s. 6d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Christopher Gardner*, jun. one of the Constables in the County of *Washington*; the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for apprehending divers poor Criminals, who were convicted at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and afterwards released by this Assembly.

Report upon *N. Kinyon's* Payments. WHEREAS *Nathan Miller*, *Ezek Hopkins*, and *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers being ordered by the General Assembly to take under Consideration the Payments made to the State by *Nathan Kinyon*, find by the first Receipt, that *Thirty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, was paid in Interest; and as all Interest was, by the Conditions of Sale, to stop on the Securities after the 13th Day of *October*, 1784, and as after that Period *Twelve per Cent.* Interest has been deducted from the other Payment, we are of Opinion, that so much of said Interest as the *Thirty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Eightpence* be deducted only, at *Six per Cent.*

NATHAN MILLER,  
EZEK HOPKINS,  
JOSEPH STANTON, jun.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

Executions where Petitions are pending, stayed. WHEREAS there are a Number of Petitions, praying that Executions may be stayed, pending before this Assembly, which Time will not permit to be tried: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That in such Cases the Executions be stayed until the next Session of this Assembly.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the *Saturday* preceding the last *Monday* in *October* next, then to meet at *South-Kingstown*; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be and hereby is dissolved; and that the next Assembly meet on the last *Monday* of *October* next at *South-Kingstown*.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward*

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden at *South-Kingsdown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, and in the Tenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T.

His EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The HONOURABLE

*Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Esq;

RICHARD SEARLE, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

GIDEON CLARKE, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

Assistants.

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq*;  
 Henry Marchant, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* George Champlin,  
 John Topham, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Peleg Clarke.

## PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Paul Allen,  
 Jeremiah Olney, *Esq*;

## PORTSMOUTH :

None.

## WARWICK :

John Warner, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Benjamin Remington,  
 Benjamin Arnold, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Stafford.

## WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Walter White.

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

*Mr.* Edward Hull,  
*Mr.* William Littlefield.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

*Mr.* Ezekiel Gardner, *jun.*  
*Mr.* John Allen.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowse J. Helme, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Rowland Brown.

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Crary, *Esq*;  
 Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq*;

## JAMESTOWN :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Nicholas Carr.

## SMITHFIELD :

*Mr.* Stephen Arnold, *jun.*  
 Daniel Mowry, *jun.* *Esq*;

## SCITUATE :

Rufus Hopkins, *Esq*;  
 William West, *Esq*;

## GLOUCESTER

*Mr.* Seth Hunt.

## CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun.* *Esq*;

James Congdon, *jun.* *Esq*;

## WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Tillinghast, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Stukely Hudson.

## COVENTRY :

Israel Bowen, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Greene.

## EXETER :

*Mr.* Job Wilcox,  
*Mr.* Michael Dawley.

## MIDDLETOWN :

*Mr.* Nicholas Easton,  
*Mr.* James Potter.

## BRISTOL :

William Bradford, *Esq*;

## TIVERTON :

*Mr.* Benjamin Howland,  
*Mr.* James Barker.

## LITTLE-COMPTON

*Mr.* William Ladd,  
*Mr.* William Brown.

## WARREN :

Nathan Miller, *Esq*;  
 Robert Carr, *Esq*;

## CUMBERLAND :

John Gould, *Esq*;

## RICHMOND :

James Sheldon, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Thomas James.

## CRANSTON :

William Field, *Esq*;  
 Israel Gorton, *Esq*;

## HOPKINTON .

Abel Tanner, *Esq*;  
 Thomas Wells, *Esq*;

## JOHNSTON :

None.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezek Hopkins, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Edward Smith.

## BARRINGTON .

Joshua Humphry, *Esq*;

## FOSTER :

John Williams, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Westcott.

*The Honourable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq, was chosen Speaker, and BENJAMIN BOURNE, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House*

WHEREAS Messieurs *Ezek Hopkins* and *Paul Allen* presented Report upon unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, and *W. Barton's* Account.  
Report, to wit :

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *William Barton*, Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, Dr.

1784.	To 8 Orders delivered <i>Joseph Clarke</i> ,	£ 60 4 10
Nov. 16.	Esq; as per Receipt,	
1785.	To 14 Ditto, as per Ditto,	80 4 12
May 5.	To 4 Ditto, as per Ditto,	26 19 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
	To Commission on £ 228 15s. 8d. at } 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> per Cent.	8 0 2
		£ 175 9 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Balance due to the State,		19 12 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
		£ 195 1 10

Creditor.

1784.	By the Amount of Balance settled this Day,	£ 24 3 2
April 29.	By Impost on sundries imported in Sloop <i>Dove</i> , <i>George Waldron</i> , Master, £ 509 14s. at 2 per Cent.	10 3 12
May 4.	By Ditto in Ship <i>Beaumont</i> , <i>Samuel Chace</i> , Master, £ 2197 1s. at Ditto,	43 16 0
June 14.	By Ditto in Ship —, <i>Aaron Sheffield</i> , Master, £ 1465 8s. 10d. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , at Ditto,	29 6 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
July 15.	By Ditto by <i>Croad</i> and <i>Tisdale</i> from <i>Boston</i> by Land, £ 1127 11s. 10d. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , at Ditto,	22 11 0
Sept. 7.	By Ditto Sloop <i>Sufannah</i> , <i>Daniel Gladding</i> , Master, £ 278 1s.	6 19 0
Nov. 25.	By Ditto on 8 Bolts of Duck, in Sloop <i>Rachel</i> , <i>Caleb Cranston</i> , £ 70,	1 15 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
30.	By Ditto on sundries in Sloop <i>Bathsheba</i> , <i>Joshua Ingraham</i> , £ 174 16s.	4 7 5
Dec. 1.	By Ditto Sloop <i>Dove</i> , <i>George Waldron</i> , £ 284 14s.	7 2 4
7.	By Ditto Schooner <i>Enterprize</i> , <i>Nathaniel Phillips</i> , £ 571 10s.	14 5 9
1785.	By Ditto Sloop <i>Robe</i> , <i>Charles Collins</i> , £ 489 12s.	12 12 9
Feb. 21.	By Ditto Schooner <i>Enterprize</i> . <i>Nathaniel Phillips</i> , £ 463 10s.	11 11 9
March 28.	By Ditto on 1300 Bushels of Salt, in Sloop <i>Dalpb</i> , <i>James Maxwell</i> , at 3s. £ 195,	4 17 6
April 2.	By Ditto on Coffee and Sugar from <i>New-York</i> , in Sloop <i>Exchange</i> , <i>George Waldron</i> , £ 20 2s.	0 10 0
		£ 195 1 10

Errors excepted, per

WILLIAM BARTON.

Providence,

*Providence, Oct. 25, 1785.* Agreeably to our Appointment by the Honourable General Assembly, to settle and adjust the above Account of *William Barton, Esq;* Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, we report, that we have carefully examined the same, by comparing it with the Vouchers, &c. and find a Balance due from said *William Barton* to the State of *Nineteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and Threepence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money. All which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.  
PAUL ALLEN, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said Balance of *Nineteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and Threepence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, be paid by the said *William Barton* into the General-Treasury.

*D. Cooke* allowed £ 5 15. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirteen Pounds One Shilling*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Daniel Cooke, Esq;* it being the Balance of an Account by him exhibited, for Service done in the Secretary's Office, in bringing forward the Records, &c.

*E. Simmons* allowed £ 5 4s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Five Pounds Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Ephraim Simmons*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Newport*; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for his Time, Expence, Aid, &c. in apprehending and committing to the Gaol in said County *Nathaniel Briggs*, and *Benjamin Head*, at the Suit of the State.

*W. Tyler* allowed £ 30 13s. 4d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *William Tyler*; the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited, for painting the Outside of the State-House in *Providence*, &c.

*C. Gardner, jun.* allowed £ 2 14s. 10d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Christopher Gardner, jun.* it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on and citing divers Persons to appear before the Committee, appointed to settle the Accounts between *Royzel Smith* and *William W. Pollock*.

Committee to settle *J. Beverly's* Accounts. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jenckes, Esq; Hopkins, Esquires*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine and settle the Accounts of *John Beverly, Esq;* late Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, with the State; and that the said Committee examine as well the Account of the State against the said *John Beverly*, as his Account against the State.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Ten Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Bennett Wheeler; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for Printing done for the State. *B. Wheeler allowed £ 1 10 s.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs Esck Hopkins, Paul Allen, and Peleg Clarke, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine the Account of Mr. George Gibbs, for Disbursements in repairing the State-House in Newport; and that they make Report as soon as may be. *Committee to settle G. Gibbs's Account.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs George Champlin, Rowse J. Helme, and Esck Hopkins, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to draught a Bill for the manning of the Fort on Goat-Island, which is hereby named *Fort-Washington*; and for putting the same in a Situation sufficiently respectable to enforce the Regulations of Trade. *Committee to draught a Bill for manning Fort-Washington.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. George Gibbs be and he is hereby appointed to cause proper Steps to be placed at the South End of the State-House in the County of Newport; and that he lay his Account of the Expence thereof before this Assembly. *G. Gibbs to place Steps to the Court-House in Newport.*



An A C T to incorporate certain Persons, herein after mentioned, by the Name of the *Beneficent Congregational Society* in the Town of *Providence*, in this State.

WHEREAS divers Persons have petitioned this Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, whereby they may be enabled to promote certain Purposes herein after mentioned: Therefore, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That Messieurs Barzillai Richmond, Samuel Butler, Henry Bacon, William Allen, Benjamin Mann, John Field, Jonathan Jenkins, Joseph Martin, Nathaniel Jacobs, James Black, William Rhodes, Allen Peck, Lewis Peck, Nathaniel Jacobs, jun. Zephaniab Brown, Thomas Jones, Thomas Truman, Benjamin Gladding, James Snow, Benjamin Talbot, William Compton, Joseph Snow, jun. Phineas Potter, Joseph Potter, Samuel Black, James Munro, Benjamin Hoppin, Elijah Shepardson, Peter Taylor, Daniel Tafft, Samuel Snow, Hopestill M'Neal, William Grafton, David Tafft, Samuel Proud, John Proud, Daniel Proud, Stephen Wardwell, Wilson Jacobs, John Martin, Samuel Butler, jun. Joseph Butler, John Field, jun. Lemuel Field, William Field, Joseph Field, Daniel Field, Lewis Bosworth, John Jones, Ephraim Walker, Elihu Peck, Oliver Carpenter, Ephraim Peabody, William Bacon, James Snow, jun. Daniel Snow, Joseph Snow, the 3d, John *Act incorporating the Beneficent Congregational Society in Providence.*

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Young.

Young, Thomas Young, Samuel James, Bennett Wheeler, Thomas Coles, William Peckham, Stephen Walker, Joseph Eddy, Benjamin Eddy, William Eddy, Benjamin Randall, William Paul, Levi Ham, Jeremiah Eddy, Bernard Eddy, Ralph Merry, Nathaniel Gilmore, Benjamin Talbot, jun. Samuel Jackson, Gustavus Taylor, Nathaniel Gladding, jun. Daniel Branch, Nathaniel Branch, William Compton, jun. Recompence Healey, John Pitcher, John Greatbakes, and Philip Hoxwell, together with such others as they shall elect from Time to Time, shall be forever hereafter a Body corporate and politic, in Fact and Name, by the Name of the *Beneficent Congregational Society*, in the Town of *Providence*, and State aforesaid, for the Purpose of raising a Fund, by free and voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, for the Support of public Worship in the *Congregational Society* in the Town of *Providence* aforesaid, of which the Reverend *Joseph Snow* is the present Pastor: And the said *Beneficent Society* is hereby empowered to take, receive and hold, all and any voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, of any Sum or Sums of Money, or of any real or personal Estate; and also to have, possess or acquire, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Goods and Chattels whatsoever, and the same to sell, lease, grant, demise, aliene, bargain, sell, convey and dispose of, by Deed or Deeds, under their Seal, at their own Will and Pleasure; and shall and may be Persons capable in Law, as a Body corporate, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against, in all Courts and Places, and before all proper Judges whatsoever, in all and singular Suit and Suits, Causes and Actions, of what Kind soever, in the fullest and amplest Manner. And if it shall happen, that the said *Beneficent Society* shall become seized of Lands or Tenements by Mortgage, as Security for Payment of any Debt or Debts, or by levying Executions on Land or Tenements for discharging any Debt or Debts that shall be due to the said *Beneficent Society*, it shall be lawful for them, by Deed under their Seal, to sell and convey the Lands and Tenements acquired by either of the said two mentioned Ways.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be a Meeting of the said Beneficent Society, in the said Town of Providence, on the First Monday in April yearly, forever; at which Time, for the better ordering and managing the Affairs of the said Beneficent Society, they shall, out of their own Body, by a Majority of the Members present, elect a President, a Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other Officers as they shall judge necessary; and all Officers chosen as aforesaid shall, before they are qualified to act, be sworn to the faithful Performance of their respective Trusts.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That there shall be a Meeting of the said Beneficent Society, at Providence aforesaid, on the First Monday in July, October and January, in every Year, and oftener, when and where they shall think needful and fit,*

*A N D*



*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *Beneficent Society* shall have a common Seal, which it shall be lawful for them to alter, change, break and make anew, at Pleasure; and that the said *Beneficent Society*, by the Name aforesaid, they and their Successors, shall have perpetual Succession.

*A N D* be it further Enacted, That the aforesaid *Barzillai Richmond* be the First President, the aforesaid *Samuel Butler* the First Vice-President, the aforesaid *Henry Bacon* the First Treasurer, and the aforesaid *William Allen* the First Secretary, of the said *Beneficent Society*, to continue in their respective Offices until the First Monday in April next.

*A N D* be it further Enacted, That all Donations to the said *Beneficent Society*, by voluntary Subscriptions, Legacies, Contributions, or otherwise (excepting such as shall be differently appropriated by the Donors) shall make a Part of and be put into the capital Stock or Fund of the said *Beneficent Society*, and shall be put out on Interest on good Security for One Year, or otherwise improved to the best Advantage; and the Interest or Profits thereof shall be solely applied and appropriated to the Support of public Worship in the aforesaid *Beneficent Society*, until the Interest shall exceed the Sum the said Society shall deem sufficient for the Support of the Pastor thereof; the Overplus to be appropriated to such other Use as a Majority of the said Society shall order and determine, at any regular stated Meeting.

*A N D* be it further Enacted, That the said *Beneficent Society*, at any of their Meetings, may elect into their Body such Persons as they shall judge proper, and may appoint a Committee or Committees to prosecute the Orders of the said Society, audit the Treasurer's Accounts, and prepare Matters for the Society to act upon; and that the said *Beneficent Society* shall have, and there is hereby granted unto them, at any of their stated Meetings, full Power to make such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, and to alter the same, as they shall judge needful, for the better Government of the said Society; provided that such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, be not repugnant to the Laws of this State, or the Design of this Institution.

*A N D* be it further Enacted, That any Seven of the Members (the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, always to be one) being convened at any regular Time of Meeting, are hereby declared to be a Quorum of the said Society.

*A N D* to the End that the Members of the said *Beneficent Society*, and all Contributors thereto, may know the State of their Stock, and the Disposition of the Profits thereof, *Be it further Enacted*, That a particular Account of such Stock and Disposition shall be exhibited by the Treasurer, at every Quarterly-Meeting, and be examined by a Committee of the said Society, who, upon finding it to be true, shall certify the same in Writing under their Hands: And fair Entries shall be made, in proper Books provided for the Purpose, of all Donations, Legacies, Subscriptions and Contributions, made to the said Society, and

and of all Estates, both real and personal, belonging to them, and of the Income thereof, and also of all their Transactions, either by themselves, or by their Officers or Committees, for and on Account of the said Society : And the said Books shall be brought to every of the said Quarterly-Meetings, and shall be there opened for the Perusal and Examination of the Members of the said Society.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That if ever there shall be a less Number than Nine belonging to the said *Beneficent Society*, then all Money, Bonds, Mortgages, Deeds, Notes, Obligations, Books, and Papers of every Kind, together with all the Estate, both real and personal, whatsoever, at that Time belonging to the said *Beneficent Society*, shall be given up to and the sole Property thereof be vested in the *Congregational Society* aforesaid, for whose Use and Benefit the said *Beneficent Society* is instituted, to be lodged in the Hands of any one or more Persons, whom a Majority of that Society shall appoint to receive the same.

*PROVIDED nevertheless*, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Part of this Act shall be construed or understood to grant any Power or Powers to the said *Beneficent Society*, to raise any Sum or Sums of Money, for the Purposes aforesaid, any otherwise than by free and voluntary Subscription, Legacy and Donation.



Report upon  
G. Scott's Petition.

WHEREAS Mr. George Scott, of Newport, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly at the Session in May last, and represented, that on the Eighth Day of June, A. D. 1752, his Father *Joseph Scott*, then Sheriff of the County of Newport, did sell at public Vendue, to *Mary Almy*, of Newport, a certain Lot of Land then the Property of *Randal Eldred*, of said Newport, to satisfy an Execution levied on the same, and did make and execute a Sheriff's Deed of the Premises according to Law : That the Widow of the said *Randal Eldred* did at November Court in said County, A. D. 1783, recover her Dower or Thirds of the Premises from the Grantee of his said Father, in Consequence of which he has been threatened with a Lawsuit, and has paid the Money recovered as aforesaid for Two Years past, whereby he has been and still is liable to be a Sufferer ; and thereupon the said *George Scott* prayed for Relief. Which Petition was at the said Session referred to a Committee, who have presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers having been appointed a Committee, upon the Petition of Mr. *George Scott*, beg Leave to report, that the said *George* has already advanced *Twenty Dollars* on Account of the Dower of *Free-love Eldred*, and that he is entitled to receive the same out of the General-Treasury. We have also estimated the Value of the Dower during the Life of the said *Free-love Eldred* at *One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars*, and

and upon the Payment thereof the said *Freelove Eldred* has agreed to relinquish her Right of Dower. All which is submitted by your Honours most obedient Servants.

Newport, October 26, 1785. PELEG CLARKE, } Committee.  
DANIEL MASON, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-eight Dollars* be allowed and paid to the said *George Scott*, for Two Years Rent for the said Dower up to *September* last, it being advanced or agreed to be paid by him to the said *Freelove Eldred*; and that the Sum of *Fourteen Dollars* per Annum be allowed and annually paid to the said *Freelove Eldred* during the Term of her natural Life, in full Compensation for her Claim of Dower and Power of Thirds to the said Estate.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honourable *Jabez Bowen, Esq;* Committee to draught a Bill regulating Trade.  
*Thomas G. Hazard, William Hammond, James M. Varnum, Nathaniel Miller, Henry Goodwin, and Benjamin Bourne, Esquires,* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draught an Act regulating the Trade of this State; and that they make Report during the present Session of this Assembly.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly, Report upon public Dispatches.  
*to wit:*

THE Committee to whom were referred the public Dispatches beg Leave to report: Upon the Letter from the Secretary of Congress, dated at *New-York*, the 3d of *August* inst. inclosing the Duplicate of a former Dispatch, and Reports in Congress respecting the federal Representation, that his Excellency the Governor be requested to write to the Secretary of Congress, informing him, that as the Evils resulting from a deficient Representation are not chargeable in any material Degree upon this State, and as public Economy is an Object of the greatest Importance, the Legislature do not think it expedient at present to encrease the Number of their Delegates in actual Session: But that this State will agree that any one State be represented by a single Voice in the national Council, whenever all the other States will agree to the same. The Committee also submit to the Wisdom of the House, the Expediency of immediately electing Delegates to represent this State in the next annual Meeting of the United States in Congress

UPON another Letter from the Secretary of Congress, dated at *New-York* the 28th of *July* last, inclosing a Resolution of Congress, requesting Thirteen Copies of the legislative Acts of this State since the Year 1774: That the House now appoint a Time for entering into a full Consideration of the Revision of the Laws of this State, as the same has been effected by their Committee; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to inform the Secretary of Congress that this State will comply with said Requisition as soon as practicable.

October, 1785.

UPON the Letter from the Governor of the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, dated the 28th of *July* last, and inclosing an Act of that State, for regulating Navigation and Commerce: That a Bill now lies upon the Table, comprehending the Objects of this Enclosure; and that his Excellency be requested to write to the Governor of the *Massachusetts*, and enclose a Copy of whatever Act shall be passed on that Subject. All which is submitted by

H. MARCHANT,  
J. M. VARNUM.

In Bristol, August Session, 1785.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted, with this Exception, that this State be not represented in Congress by a less Number than Two Members.

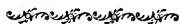
*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly will proceed to the Consideration of the Laws, in the Beginning of the next Session; and that no Business of a private Nature be entered upon, excepting the Reports already assigned upon the Claims of the Troops of the State, until said Business be completed.



An ACT in Addition to an Act intituled, An Act vesting Congress with the Power of regulating foreign Trade.

An Act empowering Congress to regulate Trade.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Delegates of this State, in Congress assembled, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in the Name and Behalf of this State, to agree to and ratify any Article or Articles, by which the United States in Congress assembled shall be solely empowered to regulate the Trade and Commerce of the respective States, and the Citizens thereof with each other; and to regulate, restrain or prohibit, the Importation of all foreign Goods, in any Ships or Vessels owned by any of the States, or by a Citizen or Citizens of either: And that the Article or Articles containing the Powers aforesaid, or substantially agreeing therewith, when adopted by all the other States in the Union, shall be in Force for the Space of Twenty-five Years, and no longer.



Petition of T. Church granted.

WHEREAS *Thomas Church*, of *Dighton*, in the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, Esq; preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that upon the Arrival of the *British* Troops at *Rhode-Island*, he being very much exposed, and taking into Consideration the active Part he had taken in the War, moved his Family to *Dighton* aforesaid: That he put the Money arising from the Sale of his Farm in *Little-Compton*

*Compton* into the Continental Loan-Office in this State, agreeably to the Requisition of Congress: That this Assembly, in the Year 1783, granted One Year's Interest on all Loan-Office Certificates issued from the Continental Loan-Office in this State, excepting such as were held by Persons living in other States, whereby he was excluded, although at the Time he loaned his Money as aforesaid he was a Citizen of this State: And thereupon the said *Thomas Church* prayed this Assembly to grant him the Interest of his Loan-Office Certificates for the Year 1783, and thereby put him upon the same Footing with the Holders of such Certificates in this State:

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; be and he is hereby requested to issue Certificates for Interest for the Year 1783, on *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, to the said *Thomas Church*, on his producing Certificates to that Amount, under the same Restrictions which were laid on the Citizens of this State; and that such Certificates be receivable in Payment of the last or present State Taxes.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Esek Hopkins*, *Paul Allen*, and *Peleg Clarke*, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, and Report, *to wit*:

Report upon  
*G. Gibbs's Ac-*  
counts, and he  
allowed £ 277  
= 1. 3 d.

State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. to *George Gibbs*,

Dr.

1785.	{ To Amount of Supplies, &c. for the Repair of the House and Wharff on <i>Goat-Island</i> , }	£ 232 3 9
Oct. 29.		
Aug. 24.	{ To Amount of sundries supplied for the Repairs of the State-House in <i>Newport</i> , }	44 18 6
		<hr/> £ 277 2 3

Errors excepted.

GEORGE GIBBS.

IN Obedience to our Appointment by the Honourable the General Assembly, to settle and adjust the Accounts of Mr. *George Gibbs*, do report that we have examined the same, by comparing the Charges which make the Amount of the above Account with the Vouchers, and find the Sum of *Two Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Two Shillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money, due to the said *George Gibbs*. All which is submitted by your Honours most obedient Servants,

ESEK HOPKINS,  
PAUL ALLEN;  
PELEG CLARKE.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said Sum of *Two Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Two Shillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *George Gibbs* out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS

An Act empowering the Town of South-Kingstown to recover Fines and Forfeitures.

**WHEREAS** the Town of *South-Kingstown* hath represented, that many Fines and Forfeitures have accrued to the said Town, which have been received by the Officers therein, who have neglected to pay such Fines and Forfeitures into the Treasury of the said Town: And as many Persons receiving such Fines and Forfeitures have neglected to make any Return thereof to the proper Office, whereby it is impossible for the said Town in the usual Mode to collect such Fines and Forfeitures into their Treasury: And whereas the said Town hath besought a Remedy:

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Town-Treasurer of the Town of *South-Kingstown* for the Time being be and he is hereby appointed to issue his Notification to any and all Persons in the Town of *South-Kingstown*, who he shall suspect to have received any Fines or Forfeitures, which ought to be paid into the Treasury of the said Town, to appear before him at such Time and Place as he shall appoint, and to bring with him or them an exact Account in Writing of all Fines and Forfeitures by him or them received which have accrued unto the said Town; and thereupon the said Town-Treasurer shall administer unto him or them the following Oath:

“ You A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the Account by you here exhibited contains the Whole of all the Fines and Forfeitures which you have received, either by yourself or Agent, since the Nineteenth Day of *April*, A. D. 1775, to this present Day, for the Breach of any Act or Law of this State, which Fines or Forfeitures belong to and accrued to the said Town of *South-Kingstown*. So help you God; or, upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.”

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Person or Persons, who shall be notified to appear before the said Town-Treasurer, shall upon his solemn Oath or Affirmation declare that he hath not received any such Fines or Forfeitures, he shall be dismissed.

*BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Town-Treasurer of the Town of *South-Kingstown* be and he is hereby empowered to call Special Courts, upon any Person or Persons who have received any such Fines and Forfeitures belonging to the said Town, such Courts to be convened in the same Manner, and have the same Powers as Special Courts usually have.

*A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Person or Persons, after being duly notified to appear before the said Town-Treasurer, and render an Account as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse so to do, and shall thereupon be sued to a Special Court, he or they shall pay all the Costs arising upon such Special Court being called, although the said Treasurer shall not be able to prove any Money being in his or their Hands.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Jenckes, Esq; and Mr. Paul Allen, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to call upon the Executors of the last Will and Testament of Paul Tew, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of Providence, for the Papers relating to the Accounts of the late Stephen Hopkins, Esq; against the State, and also for the Execution, Deed and Account of Sales of Land sold to the said Stephen Hopkins by the said Paul Tew; and that they examine the same, and report the Circumstances of the said Account to this Assembly as soon as may be.*

Committee to call upon the Executors of P. Tew.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly, *Report of the Committee respecting the Grand Committee's Office.*  
to wit :

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee to enquire into, audit and adjust, the Accounts of the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office with the State, and to burn the Old Tenor Money therein, beg Leave to report, that we having taken the Burthen thereof upon us, and attended upon the Business, find from the Length of Time, the many Persons who have been employed therein, and other Circumstances necessarily attending such an extensive Matter, that the Accounts are perplexed, and that it will be very difficult to settle the same upon that strict Principle of Right which ought to govern every Transaction of Life.

WE have received of Mrs. ——— *Thurston Nine Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-one Pounds Six Shillings*, Money of the Emission of 1750, and *Two Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence*, Old Tenor, both which Sums we have burnt.

WE would beg Leave further to report, that from the Certificates obtained from the Clerks of the Courts of the several Counties, there are a great Number of outstanding Judgments, to the Amount of a large Sum of Money; upon some of said Judgments, Executions have issued, and have never been returned into the said Offices; and on others no Executions have been awarded: And as it is impossible for us to ascertain in whose Hands the Money is, and who are liable to pay the same; and as it is an Object worthy the Attention of this State, we propose to your Honours for Consideration, whether it would not be expedient for the Legislature to have the Account of all the outstanding Judgments notified in the respective Counties, requesting the Persons against whom the said Judgments are obtained, or the Holders of the Lands which are liable for the Payment of the Money, to appear before such Persons whom you shall be pleased to appoint, to shew how they have made Payment; and in case they shall neglect, upon such Advertisement or Notice, and be sued, that they shall pay the Costs for their Neglect in not discharging the Debts upon Record.

YOUR Committee would beg Leave further to represent, that it appears, by the Deeds lodged in the said Office, there is a considerable Quantity of Land belonging to the State which they are not in Possession

Possession of, neither hath any Rent been paid to the State therefor. All which is worthy the Attention of the State, and which is submitted to their Notice, by your Honours most obedient and very humble Servants,

GEORGE HAZARD,  
THOMAS RUMREILL,  
JOHN G. WANTON,  
GEORGE CHAMPLIN,  
ROWSE J. HELME.

October 26, 1785.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to cause the Account of the said outstanding Judgments to be notified in the respective Counties, requesting the Persons against whom the said Judgments are obtained, or the Holders of the Lands which are liable for the Payment of the Money, to appear before him the said *Rowse J. Helme*, to shew how they have made Payment; and in case they neglect, upon such Advertisement or Notice, to appear, that thereupon the said *Rowse J. Helme* be empowered and requested to put the Bond or Mortgage of such Person so neglecting in Suit.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Rowse J. Helme* be and he is hereby appointed to take the most speedy and effectual Measures in the Law for collecting the Money due from *John Andrews*, Esq; to this State; and that he make Report thereon as soon as may be.

City-Council  
of Newport  
to remove  
Stones from  
Fort-Washing-  
ton.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the City-Council of the City of *Newport* be and they are hereby empowered to remove the useless Stones on the South Side of *Fort-Washington*, for repairing the *Point-Bridge* in the said City.

Collectors of  
Impost to  
commence  
Actions in  
certain Cases.

WHEREAS it is represented to this Assembly, that divers Goods, Wares and Merchandize, of foreign Growth, Produce and Manufacture, and subject to a Duty or Impost, have been brought into this State, and the Owners or Consignees thereof, having received the same without giving Bond for the Payment of the Duty, have since neglected or refused to pay the same:

*Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Collectors of Impost within this State be and they are hereby authorized and directed, to commence any Action or Actions for the Recovery of the Duty or Impost, on any Goods which have been or shall be brought into this State, and which have been or shall be received by the Owners or Consignees of such Goods, without Bond being first given for the Payment of the Duty: And that such Action or Actions be heard and determined at a Special Inferior Court, to be holden in the County in which such Goods shall be brought, agreeable to Law.

PROVIDED,



**PROVIDED**, That nothing herein contained shall exempt any Goods, which may be received by the Owners thereof without Bond given as aforesaid, from Seizure and Condemnation, in Manner as is by Law directed.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly made and passed at *February* Session, A. D. 1784, intituled, "An Act authorizing the Manumission of Negroes, Mulattoes and others, and for the gradual Abolition of Slavery," it is therein among other Things enacted, that the Negro and Mulatto Children which should be born within this State on or after the First Day of *March*, A. D. 1784, should be maintained, supported and educated, at the Expence of those Towns in which they reside : And whereas the subjecting Towns to the Support and Education of such Children is extremely burthenfome, and is incompatible with the Principles upon which the said Act was passed : Act repealing Part of the Act respecting the Manumission of Slaves.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That so much of the said Act as subjects the Towns to the Expence of the Support and Education of the Negro or Mulatto Children, who should be born on or after the First Day of *March*, A. D. 1784, be and the same is hereby repealed.

*BE it further Enacted*, That every Negro or Mulatto Child, born after the First Day of *March*, A. D. 1784, be supported and maintained by the Owner of the Mother of such Child, to the Age of Twenty-one Years, provided the Owner of the Mother shall during that Time hold her as a Slave; or otherwise, upon the Manumission of such Mother agreeably to the said Act, the Owner shall be discharged from any further Expence of supporting and maintaining such Child.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That no Person held in Servitude or Slavery, who shall be emancipated, be supported as a Pauper, provided he or she exceeds the Age of Thirty Years at the Time of such Emancipation; any Thing in the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

WHEREAS Mr. *Fleet Brown* preferred a Petition, and represented *F. Brown's* unto this Assembly, that he is the Collector for the said Town of *Foster's* Petition. Proportion of the Tax ordered in *June*, A. D. 1784; for the Deficiency whereof the Treasurer of said Town hath been committed to Gaol, and he the Petitioner hath been called upon for the Money due, being about *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*: That by Reason of Sickness he hath not been able to collect the said Tax; and that if he be allowed One Month from the Time the Execution to be issued on the Judgment shall be returnable, he doubts not but he shall be able to satisfy the same : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to grant him that Time :

On Consideration whereof :

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Inferior Court for the County of *Providence* issue an Execution upon the said Judgment, return-

returnable in Forty-four Days from this Time ; no Execution having been yet issued thereon : And that if the same be not settled by the Return-Day, the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* proceed to settle the same in the usual Way.

*J. Olney* allowed £ 2 8 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Pounds Eight Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Jeremiah Olney*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Services, Expences, &c. as one of the Committee for settling the Accounts of the Collectors of Impost.



An A C T, in Amendment of an Act, in Addition to an Act, intituled, “ An Act for the Relief of Persons of tender Consciences, and for preventing their being burthened with military Duty.”

Act in Amendment of the Act for Relief of tender Consciences.

W H E R E A S it has so happened, that some Delinquents in the late War, not being possessed of any Goods and Chattels, but having real Estates lying within this State, have, by concealing themselves in other States, evaded the Force of the Act aforesaid :

B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That where any Person or Persons, who were delinquent as aforesaid, are possessed of real Estate as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any Officer, charged with a Warrant for collecting such Delinquents Fines, to proceed against such Delinquents real Estate, in the same Manner as is directed in the said Act against the Goods and Chattels.



Report upon *E. Hopkins's* Account.

W H E R E A S *Christopher Ellery*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, and Report, to wit :

State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Ezek Hopkins*, Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, Dr.

1785.	} To Cash paid for One Six Quire Book }	£ 0 11 6
June.		
	To Ditto for recording Manifests,	0 12 10
	To Ditto for Ledger of Accounts,	
Aug. 9.	} To Amount of Impost Orders paid into }	61 17 11 ½
	the General-Treasury, as per Receipt,	
		Or,

Oct, 24. To Ditto,  
23. To Ditto,  
To Amount of my Commissions on  
£ 356 3s. being the whole Sum  
collected up to this Time, at 3  $\frac{1}{4}$   
per Cent.

£ 246 9 1  $\frac{1}{4}$   
6 17 2  $\frac{1}{4}$

12 9 3  $\frac{1}{2}$

328 17 10  $\frac{1}{2}$

27 5 1  $\frac{1}{4}$

Balance due to the State.

£ 356 3 0  $\frac{1}{4}$

Creditor.

By Impost Money received from May 18, to October 26, A.  
D. 1785, of the following Persons, &c. to wit:

Prince Gardner,	£ 0 6 7
On Amount of Cargo in the Brig <i>Weniscott</i> ,	24 11 6
James Munro,	0 19 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
John Chace,	0 2 6
Ditto,	0 1 8
Andrew Dexter,	0 2 7
Alexander Sampson,	0 3 4
Hoppin and Smart,	0 8 2
Joseph Peck,	0 3 2
Andrew Dexter,	0 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Samuel Nightingale, jun.	0 1 6
Joseph Peck,	0 3 0
Hoppin and Smart,	0 4 3
Joseph Peck,	0 0 9
Terence Reily,	0 0 9
John Ward,	0 17 6
Elizabeth Williams,	0 2 3
John Vial,	0 4 0
Thomas L. Halscy,	5 14 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jeremiab Olney,	0 0 3
Monsieur De Teste,	0 1 6
Gideon Young and Sons,	20 14 0
Benjamin Throop,	2 7 1
Peleg Arnold,	10 8 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Chace,	0 2 0
Holroyd and Tillinghast,	9 8 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Michael Bumpo,	0 2 6
Joseph Swazey,	1 0 0
Clark and Nightingale,	38 9 3
Cyprian Sterry,	0 0 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
John Brown,	21 5 5
Henry Rice,	0 6 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Carter,	0 0 3
Sylvanus Martin,	0 1 6
Andrew Dexter,	0 1 0
Terence Reily,	0 2 0
Isaac Pitman,	0 0 6

E.

Edward

Edward Bosworth,	£	0	16	9
Benjamin Mann,		0	1	6
Welcome Arnold,		49	13	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Joseph Wilkinson,		0	6	9
Michael Bumpo,		0	1	0
White and Gridley,		0	9	6
M <sup>r</sup> Hyslop,		4	19	10
Edward Thurber,		0	1	6
John Chace,		0	0	9
On Goods sold in Ship <i>Anastasia</i> ,		25	19	0
M <sup>r</sup> Hyslop,		4	19	10
Joseph Martin,		0	8	9
Samuel Clarke,		1	4	2
Israel Ambrose,		0	4	0
Robert Newell,		0	1	0
Darius Sessions,		2	8	4
John Filton,		6	16	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
On 1 Quarter-Cask of <i>Madeira Wine</i> ,		0	12	6
James Munro,		0	10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Samuel Smith,		1	16	0
Ebenezer Parsons,		2	4	3
Jenckes, Winsor and Company,		35	16	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
William Russell,		15	19	1
Nathaniel Dummer,		17	8	0
Thompson and Deblots,		1	1	4
John Chace,		0	2	6
John Updike,		3	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Thomas Dring		0	4	3
Joshua Bourne,		0	16	0
Power and Tillinghast,		0	2	4
John Chace,		0	0	9
White and Gridley,		0	1	0
Sales and Wilkinson,		0	16	0
Samuel Easterbrooks;		0	4	6
John Updike,		0	14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Joseph Bucklin,		4	8	6
Richard Jackson,		2	11	5
Rufus Waterman,		3	0	10
Philip Nafsey,		0	17	3
Thomas Aiker,		0	2	0
Benjamin Graves,		3	3	0
Thomas Jones,		0	1	0
Zephaniah Brown,		2	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Murray and Mumford,		0	5	2
John Chace,		0	0	9
Nicholas Cooke,		1	9	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Man and Low,		0	4	6
For 2-3ds net Proceeds of Grindstones,		14	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
James Gramon,		4	6	3

Providence, October 27, 1785.

Errors excepted, per

£ 356 3 0  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 ESEK HOPKINS, Collector of Impost.  
 THE

THE above Account has been duly examined and compared with the Vouchers herewith exhibited, and we find a Balance due from the said *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; to the State, of *Twenty-seven Pounds Five Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings*. Which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, { Committee.  
JEREMIAH OLNEY,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Balance of *Twenty-seven Pounds Five Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, be paid by the said *Ezek Hopkins* into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Paul Allen* and *Jeremiah Olney* presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, and Report, *to wit*: Report upon  
B. Bourne's  
Account.

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Benjamin Bourne*, late Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, Dr.

1785.	}	To Amount of Impost Orders paid into	£	1974	19	2
O <sup>r</sup> . 5.	}	the General-Treasury, as per Receipt,				
28.	}	To Ditto,		160	19	3
	}	To Amount of my Commissions on				
	}	£ 2314 12 s. 2 d. $\frac{1}{2}$ , the Sum collected		81	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
	}	to Nov. 1, 1785, at $3\frac{1}{4}$ per Cen.				

	£	2216	18	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
Balance due to the State,			97	13 7
	£	2314	12	2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Creditor.

1785.	}	By Amount of Duties collected from Feb.	£	2314	12	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
O <sup>r</sup> . 28.	}	25, 1785, to Nov. 1, 1785, as appears by the Account delivered the Com- mittee,				

Errors excepted, per

BENJAMIN BOURNE, late Collector of Impost.

THE above Account has been duly examined and compared with the Vouchers herewith exhibited, and we find a Balance due from the said *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; to the State, of *Ninety-seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sevenpence*. Which is submitted by your Honours most obedient Servants,

PAUL ALLEN, { Committee.  
JEREMIAH OLNEY,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Balance of *Ninety-seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sevenpence*, Lawful Money, be paid by the said *Benjamin Bourne* into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

Report upon  
R. Crooke's  
Account.

WHEREAS *Christopher Ellery*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, and their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit* :

The State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Robert Crooke*, Collector of Impost for the County of *Newport*, Dr.

1784. March 20.	{ To Amount of former Account rendered in, as per Accounts examined and Orders lodged in the General-Treasurer's Office, as per Receipts, }	£ 1285 11 2
1785. April.	{ To Amount of Ditto per Ditto, }	3348 4 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
	{ To so much twice credited in former Account, being for Salt paid for by <i>James Robinson</i> , and was likewise charged to <i>William Gyles</i> , and credited again, }	4 7 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
	{ To Amount of sundry Orders drawn by <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; in Favour of divers Persons, as per Account rendered, and the Treasurer's Receipt for the same herewith exhibited, }	1059 3 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oct. 24.	{ To Amount of my Commissions on £ 5709 4 s. 3 d. the Sum collected up to this Time, at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. }	199 16 5 $\frac{1}{4}$
		<hr/> £ 5897 2 5

Creditor.

1784. March.	{ By Amount of former Account rendered, as per Account examined, }	£ 1362 11 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
1785. April.	{ By Ditto, as per Ditto, }	3392 10 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
	{ By Cash received of divers Persons in the Month of <i>April</i> for Impost Duties, per Account, }	11 15 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
May.	By Ditto for <i>May</i> Ditto,	87 4 8
June.	By Ditto for <i>June</i> Ditto	114 11 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
July.	By Ditto for <i>July</i> Ditto,	276 17 6
August.	By Ditto for <i>August</i> Ditto,	57 2 6 $\frac{1}{4}$
September.	By Ditto for <i>September</i> Ditto,	93 16 2
October.	{ By Ditto for <i>October</i> up to the 24th, inclusive, }	312 13 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Balance due to <i>Robert Crooke</i> ,		187 18 2
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*Newport*, Oct. 24, 1785.

Errors excepted, per

ROBERT CROOKE, Collector of Impost.  
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THE above Account has been duly examined and compared with the Vouchers herewith exhibited, and we find a Balance of *One Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Twopence* due to *Robert Crooke, Esq;* All which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, } Committee.  
JEREMIAH OLNEY,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Balance of *One Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Twopence*, Lawful Money, be carried to the Credit of the said *Robert Crooke* in his new Account.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Subject Matter of the Report of the Committee, upon the Petition of *Samuel C. Carr*, one of the Executors of *Caleb Carr*, late of *Newport*, deceased, be recommitted to the same Gentlemen, with the Addition of *George Hazard*; and that they make particular Enquiry into the Account, and report as soon as may be.

Report upon  
*S. C. Carr's*  
Petition re-  
committed,  
&c.



AN ACT for the Removal of the Remains and Monuments in certain Burying-Lots, and for the Sale or Exchange of those Lots, under the Direction of the Town-Council of the Town of *Providence*.

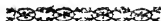
WHEREAS the first Settlers of the Town of *Providence* were in the Practice of burying the Dead in small Yards in their own Lots, before the present large public Ground was laid out for that Purpose; but from the general Disapprobation of continuing to bury in such Lots, they have been for many Years disused: And whereas, by the Increase of the said Town, divers Streets and Lanes have been laid out, with which some of those Burying-Lots interfere; and by Reason of their being left by Will, or reserved in Deeds for the Purpose of Burying-Lots, they may continue for a long Time an Interruption: And as in some Instances Doubts arise in Respect to the Right of those Descendants who have kept up the said Burying-Lots, to remove the Remains and Monuments to the common Burying Ground, or into other Lots:

Act respecting  
Burying-Lots  
in *Providence*.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Town-Council of the Town of *Providence* to make Inspection into the several private Burying-Lots in the said Town, and such as they shall judge most for the public Benefit to have removed, that they signify

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the same to the Person or Persons who hold the said Lots in Possession, or have been at the Expence of keeping up the Monuments, and advise whether the same be exchanged for the same Quantity of Land in another Place, to remain under the same Tenure and Government as the other, and the Monuments and Remains to be removed therein; or otherwise that they be removed to the common Burying-Place belonging to the said Town, as the said Town-Council shall think most proper, at the Expence of those who hold the said Lots; and that the Proceedings therein, according to the Advice and Direction of the said Town-Council, shall be good and valid to all Intents and Purposes.



Petition of *J. Drummond* granted.

WHEREAS *John Drummond*, late Commander of the Ship *Anastasia*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that in a late severe Gale of Wind the said Ship, being then under his Command, was shipwrecked near *Point-Judith*, in this State, and entirely lost: That with great Industry and Difficulty he saved some Part of the Lading of the said Ship, which has since been sold at public Auction in the City of *Newport*: That the Collector of Impost for the County of *Newport* exacts an Impost of *Ten per Cent.* on the Proceeds of said Sale: That he conceives it is not agreeable to the Practice of civilized Nations, it being obviously inconsistent with the Principles of Humanity to require the Payment of Duties from such as are so unfortunate as to be shipwrecked: And thereupon the said *John Drummond* prayed this Assembly to exempt him from the said Impost.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

Allowance to the Widow and Children of the late Col. *Greene*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Seven Years Half Pay be allowed to the Widow and Children of *Christopher Greene*, Esq; deceased, late a Colonel in the Line of this State, commencing on the Fourteenth Day of *May*, A. D. 1781, and terminating on the Fourteenth Day of *May*, which will be in the Year 1788: That the General-Treasurer issue a Note payable to the said Widow, to wit: *Anne Greene*, upon Demand, with Interest, for the Sum of *Five Hundred and Forty Pounds*, Lawful Money, in full for the first Four Years of the said annual Allowances: And that the said Widow have an Order upon the General-Treasury, payable out of the present State Tax, for the Sum of *Fifty Pounds Eleven Shillings and Fourpence*, like Money, in full for the Interest upon the said Four Years Arrearages.

*W. White's* Petition.

WHEREAS *William White*, of *Providence*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he imported a Quantity of Goods from *St. John's*, to the Value of *Fifty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eightpence*, *St. John's* Currency, by the Way of *Boston*: That being ignorant that Goods imported by Land were equally subject to a Duty with



with those imported by Water, he neglected to enter the same: That the said Goods have been informed against and condemned; and thereupon the said *William White* prayed for Relief:

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That this State relinquish unto the said *William White* their Proportion of the said Goods, upon his securing the Impost upon the whole Amount imported.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to settle the Dispute between *Connecticut* and this State, respecting the Fishery in *Pawcatuck* River, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

Report of the Committee who settled the Dispute between *Connecticut* and this State, respecting the Fishery in *Pawcatuck*.

At *Stonington*, in the State of *Connecticut*, upon the Second *Wednesday* in *September*, A. D. 1785, the Undersigned convened agreeably to Appointments previously made, and exchanged Commissions ascertaining their Powers, in the following Manner, that is to say:

“At a General Assembly of the State of *Connecticut*, holden at *Hartford* on the Second *Thursday* of *May*, A. D. 1785: On Report of the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Letter of *Jonathan Palmer, jun. and Elijah Palmer, Esquires*, relating to the Fishery at *Pawcatuck* River, *Resolved by this Assembly*, That Major *Charles Phelps, Col. Samuel Mott, and Nathaniel Miner, Esq;* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to meet such Gentlemen as the Honourable General Assembly of the State of *Rhode-Island* shall appoint to meet, at the House of Mr. *John Dennison*, at *Long-Point*, in *Stonington*, on the Second *Wednesday* in *September* next, with Power to take into Consideration and agree on proper Measures to be taken by both States, to regulate the Fishery in *Pawcatuck* River, and for preventing and punishing Disorders between the Subjects of said States about said Fishery, and for quieting any Disturbances already arisen on Account thereof; and to report their Doings to the next General Assembly: And his Excellency the Governor is desired to transmit a Copy of this Resolve to his Excellency the Governor of the State of *Rhode-Island*.

A true Copy of Record, examined by

GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.”

*State of Rhode-Island, &c.*

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY, June Session, A. D. 1785.

“WHEREAS his Excellency the Governor hath received official Information from his Excellency the Governor of the State of *Connecticut*, that great Disturbances have arisen between divers of the Citizens of this State and those of *Connecticut*, respecting the Fishery in *Pawcatuck* River, and that great Disorders and Breaches of the Peace have in Consequence taken Place; and that the General Assembly of the State of *Connecticut* have appointed a Committee to meet at *Stonington*, in the State of *Connecticut*, on the Second *Wednesday* in *September* next, to meet and confer with a Committee which the State of *Connecticut* requests this State will appoint, to agree on proper Measures to be taken by both States to regulate the Fishery in said *Pawcatuck* River,

River, and for preventing such Disorders and Disturbances between the Citizens of the two States respectively: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *James Mitchel Varnum*, and *Rose J. Helme*, Esquires, and *Mr. Oliver Davis*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to meet with the Committee of the State of *Connecticut*, appointed as aforesaid: That they be empowered to agree on the proper Measures for quieting the disorderly Proceedings and Disturbances aforesaid, and to regulate the Fishery in said *Pawcatuck River*, and to adopt such other Measures as may be conducive to prevent any Disputes and Disorders in future: That the said Committee make Report of their Doings thereon to this Assembly at the next succeeding Session; and that any Two of the Committee be competent to the Execution of the Business of their Appointment.

*A true Copy:*                      *Witness, HENRY WARD, Sec'y."*

AND thereupon the Undersigned, Commissioners from the States aforesaid, appointed *Charles Phelps*, Esq; to the Chair, and having agreed upon the Mode of Proceeding, for investigating and settling the various Matters of their Appointment, adjourned to the House of *Mr. Joseph Noyes*, near *Pawcatuck Bridge*, in *Stonington*, and notified all Parties concerned to appear before them, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning of the Fifteenth Day of *September* inst. At which Time and Place the said Commissioners being convened, proceeded to the Examination of divers Witnesses, Citizens of the States aforesaid, and living contiguous to the said *Pawcatuck River*: They also viewed and examined such Parts of the said River, and the Obstructions therein, as appeared necessary to complete their Information. And after fully deliberating upon the several Matters aforesaid, they have agreed to report, and do accordingly report, to the Legislatures of their respective States,

THAT the late Disturbances which occasioned the Interference of their Legislatures originated, partly, from private Claims to the Property of a certain Wear in *Pawcatuck River*, the Claimants living in both States, and contesting the Right; partly to a Misapprehension of the Laws, and partly to a Repugnancy in the Laws of the two States. For quieting therefore these Disturbances, and restoring Peace, Union and Harmony, between the respective Citizens, the Undersigned deem it expedient, that their Legislatures enact that all Prosecutions, whether civil or criminal, already begun, or that shall be commenced in Consequence thereof, be nullified; and that Acts of Amnesty be passed in Favour of all concerned therein. And for regulating the Fishery in said *Pawcatuck River* in future, so as to answer the Expectations, and satisfy the Views, of Individuals more immediately interested in said Fishery, consistently with the public Good, the said Undersigned submit to the Wisdom of their Legislatures the Propriety of passing into a Law of each State a Bill of the following Form, Tenor and Effect, that is to say:

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That no Wear or Wears, or other Obstruction of any Kind,

Kind, shall be erected, set or continued, in any Part of *Pawcatuck River*, dividing the States of *Rhode-Island* and *Connecticut*, upon the Penalty of *Eight Pounds* for the first Offence, and *Four Pounds* for every Twenty-four Hours, or any less Space of Time, any such Wear or other Obstruction shall be continued in the said River, after the first Offence.

*BE it further Enacted*, That no Person or Persons be permitted to set or draw any Seine or Seines in said *Pawcatuck River* from the Twentieth Day of *March* to the First Day of *June* annually, excepting upon *Tuesdays* and *Wednesdays* in each Week, beginning at the Sun's Setting on *Monday* Evenings, and ending at the Sun's Setting on *Wednesday* Evenings, upon the Penalty of *Six Pounds* for each and every Time such Seine shall be set or drawn otherwise than as aforesaid: That in setting and drawing any Seine as aforesaid, no greater Space of Time shall be employed therein than One Hour for a single Draught, upon the Penalty of *Three Pounds* for each and every Offence: And that in setting and drawing as aforesaid, or at any other Time from the said Twentieth Day of *March* to the First Day of *June* annually, no Person or Persons shall be permitted to drive the Fish in the said River by Sounds, Threshing, Beating, or in any other Way, upon the Penalty of *Three Pounds* for each and every Offence.

*BE it further Enacted*, That no Person or Persons be permitted to fish in the said River, in any other Manner than as aforesaid, excepting with Hooks and Lines, upon any other Days and Times, from the said Twentieth Day of *March* to the said First Day of *June* annually, than *Tuesdays*, *Wednesdays*, *Thursdays* and *Fridays*, beginning at the Sun's Setting on *Mondays*, and ending at the Sun's Setting on *Fridays*, upon the Penalty of *Forty Shillings* for each and every Offence.

AND to the End that the Fish may more freely pass to the various Sources of the River aforesaid, *Be it further Enacted*, That yearly and every Year, from the Twentieth Day of *March* to the First Day of *June*, there be a Passage opened in the Mill-Dam below *Pawcatuck Bridge*, from the Bed or Bottom of the River, Fifteen Feet in Length, beginning at the Middle of the River, and extending the whole of said Length easterly: That similar Passages be opened, in Manner as aforesaid, in all the other Dams in the said River, Ten Feet in Length from the Middle of the said River. And the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, of any of the Dams aforesaid, who shall neglect or refuse to open a Passage or Passages as aforesaid, on or before the said Twentieth Day of *March* annually, shall forfeit the Sum of *Four Pounds* for every such Refusal or Neglect; and for every succeeding Day's Neglect or Refusal to open a Passage as aforesaid, from the said Twentieth Day of *March* to the First Day of *June* annually, the Offender or Offenders shall forfeit one other Sum of *Four Pounds*.

*BE it further Enacted*, That no Person or Persons shall operate with any Saw-Mill or Mills, or shall saw any Boards, Plank, or other Timber, at any Time between the said Twentieth Day of *March* and the First Day of *June* annually, upon the Penalty of *Three Pounds* for each and every Offence.

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*BE it further Enacted*, That all Offences against this Act shall and may be heard, and finally determined, before any one or more Justices of the Peace in the County where the same shall be committed; and that all Penalties incurred thereby shall accrue, the one Half thereof to and for the Use and Benefit of him or them who shall inform of and prosecute the same to Effect, and the other Half to and for the General-Treasury of the State.

*BE it further Enacted*, That in Addition to the Penalties aforesaid, whoever shall be convicted of offending against this Act, shall, in Default of paying the Penalty or Fine sentenced against him, be whipped not exceeding Ten Stripes..

*BE it further Enacted*, That a Committee shall be annually appointed by this General Assembly to view the River and the Dams aforesaid, to see that the Obstructions aforesaid be removed, and that the Passages aforesaid be made and kept open, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; which Committee shall be engaged to a faithful Discharge of their Office, and their Determinations in Matters of their Appointment shall be final and conclusive.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That this Act shall be considered as forming a Compact with the State of *Connecticut*, and from which this General Assembly will not depart, until the Legislature of the State of *Connecticut* shall agree with the Legislature of this State to a Repeal thereof, Alterations therein, or Additions thereto: And that the same shall take Effect and be in Force from and after the First Day of *March* next, provided the said Legislature of the State of *Connecticut* shall pass an Act similar thereto, and notify the same to his Excellency the Governor, previously to that Time.

It is also deemed essential by the undersigned Commissioners aforesaid, that the Legislature of the State of *Rhode-Island* enact a similar Law to the foregoing, for regulating the Fishery in all the Branches and Sources of said *Pawcatuck* River which belong to that State; and that the same when passed be considered as forming a Part of the Compact aforesaid, and without which the Acts of the respective States shall be null and void.

DONE at *Stonington*, the Sixteenth of *September*, in the Tenth Year of the Independence of the United States, A. D. 1785.

CHARLES PHELPS,	J. M. VARNUM,
SAMUEL MOTT,	R. J. HELME,
NATHANIEL MINOR,	OLIVER DAVIS.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Draught of a Bill contained therein be and the same is hereby passed into a Law.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That all Proceedings which have been had against any Persons for Breaches of the Peace, or other unlawful Doings relating to the Fishery in the said River, be and they  
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are hereby nullified and made void : And that all Persons who have been concerned in such Breaches of the Peace or Offences aforesaid, be and they are hereby discharged from the same, and exempted from all further Prosecutions in that Behalf.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Noyes*, and *Oliver Davis*, Esquires, and *Mr. Walter White*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for the Purposes in the Act regulating the Fishery in *Pawcatuck* River mentioned : That they have all the Authority and Powers to be vested in the Committee, agreeably to the aforesaid Act ; and that said Committee continue till the next General Election.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That *James M. Varnum*, *Rowse J. Helme*, and *Oliver Davis*, Esquires, be continued a Committee, relative to the Fishery in *Pawcatuck* River : That said Committee hear the several Persons, Citizens of this State, owning Lands and Mills on the Branches of the said River ; and that they hear, determine, and report thereon, as soon as may be.

WHEREAS a certain Note, dated June 20, A. D. 1777, for the Sum of *Seventy-four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence*, Sterling Money, payable on Demand, with Interest, to the Executors of Doctor *William Hunter*, of *Newport*, deceased, and signed by *Linn Martin*, an Absentee, was presented unto this Assembly : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Ninety-nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, it being equal to the Principal of said Note, and also the Interest due thereon, be allowed to the legal Representatives of the said *William Hunter* ; and that the General-Treasurer give his promissory Note for the same, of the same Tenor with those heretofore given in Payment of other Claims against the Estates of Absentees.

WHEREAS divers Persons preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that there are a Number of Shoals or Bars in *Pawcatuck* River, which obstruct the Passage of Vessels : That if the same were properly cleared out, it would be greatly advantageous to the Public ; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery for raising the Sum of *One Thousand Dollars* for the Purpose of clearing the same :

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted : That a Lottery be granted for raising a Sum not exceeding *One Thousand Dollars*, for the Purpose of rendering the said River navigable : That Messieurs *Rowse Babcock*, *Walter White*, *Thomas Noyes*, and *Oliver Davis*, be appointed Directors of the said Lottery, they first giving Bond to the General-Treasurer for the faithful Performance of their said Trust, in a Sum double the Amount of the Money to be raised by the Sale of the Tickets in the said Lottery ; and that no Expence accrue to the State.

WHEREAS

Petition of H.  
Head granted.

WHEREAS *Henry Head*, of *Little-Compton*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that at the last Superior Court held in the County of *Newport* he was convicted upon a Bill of Indictment; for assaulting and entering the House of *Benjamin Shumans*, of said *Little-Compton*, and sentenced by the said Court to pay a Fine of *Sixty Dollars* to the State, and Costs, and is now confined in Gaol in said *Newport* thereon: That from his Poverty he has no Hopes of ever being able to satisfy the said Judgment, and no Prospect but a tedious Confinement in the said Gaol during the Winter, unless this Assembly will permit him to pay the said Fine in this State's Securities upon Interest; and thereupon prayed for Relief: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Henry Head* be discharged from his said Imprisonment, provided he first pay the said Fine in the General-Treasurer's Notes on Interest, and also pay the Costs of Prosecution and Conviction in Specie.



## An A C T to prevent unnecessary Expence to this State.

Persons complain-  
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Justices or  
Wardens for  
Theft, &c. to  
give Bond,  
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WHEREAS it frequently happens, that Persons make Complaint to the Justices or Wardens of the Peace, for Goods stolen from them, and for Breaches of the Peace, and the Justices or Wardens grant Warrants in Behalf of the Governor and Company to apprehend the suspected Person: And whereas the Complainant often neglects to prosecute, or the Person suspected is dismissed, whereby the State is put to great and unnecessary Expence:

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted*, That no Justice or Warden of the Peace shall grant any Writ or Warrant against any Person, in Behalf of the Governor and Company, upon Complaint of any Person or Persons, upon Suspicion of Stealing, Breaches of the Peace, or any petit Offence, unless the Party complaining shall give Bonds or enter into a Recognizance, with sufficient Surety, to prosecute the same with Effect; and in case of not making good his, her or their Complaint, or Failure of Prosecution, the Party complaining shall pay all lawful Costs, and the same shall be allowed and taxed by the Justice or Justices, Warden or Wardens, who hear and determine such Warrant or Complaint. And if the Party complaining shall refuse or neglect to pay such Costs within Three Days after such Determination, the Justice or Justices, Warden or Wardens, shall issue Execution against the Complainant, and his, her or their Sureties, for the same Costs, returnable within Forty Days; any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Thomas Tew, upon an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance on this Assembly at divers Sessions, &c.* T. Tew allowed £ 1 16 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Eight Pounds Two Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to John Brown, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for a Blank Ledger and Twelve Reams of Paper furnished for the Use of the State.* J. Brown allowed £ 8 2 s.

*Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Conftables, in each Town in this State, shall be liable to have Special Courts called on them for the Money they have collected or may collect in their said Capacities, in the same Manner as Sheriffs, Deputy-Sheriffs and Town-Serjeants, are by Law liable to.* Special Courts to be called on Conftables.



An A C T empowering the Town of *Providence* to make By-Laws for the better regulating the said Town.

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted, That the Freemen of the Town of *Providence*, in Town-Meeting assembled, be and they are hereby empowered to make any By-Laws which shall appear to them requisite for the Welfare and Convenience of the said Town, and for preserving Peace and good Order, and for the better Regulation thereof: Provided such Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of this State. Town of Providence to make By Laws.



An A C T for regulating Trade and Commerce.

**W**HEREAS it has become expedient to make some commercial Regulations respecting the Trade of this State: *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That there shall not be exported from any Harbour or Place within this State, any Goods, Wares or Merchandize, the Growth, Manufacture or Produce, of this or any of the United States, in any Ship or Vessel of any Kind, belonging in Whole or in Part to the King of Great-Britain, or any of his Subjects: Nor shall any Ship or other Vessel owned as aforesaid, and coming from any Province, Colony or Plantation, subject to the said King of Great-Britain, be permitted Entrance into any Port or Harbour in this State.* An Act regulating Trade and Commerce.

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*BE it further Enacted*, That if any Ship or other Vessel as aforesaid be found in any Harbour or other Place in this State, taking or having on board Goods, Wares or Merchandize, as aforesaid, or shall continue in any Harbour or Place as aforesaid the Space of Six Hours after reporting according to Law, unless in Cases of absolute Necessity, every such Ship or Vessel, her Cargo and Appurtenances, shall be forfeited, upon due Proof thereof before the Court of Admiralty, the Third Part thereof to and for the Use and Benefit of him or them who shall inform of and prosecute the same to Effect, and the other Two-Thirds to and for the Use of this State.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That every Ship or Vessel that shall navigate with or be possessed of Two or more Setts of Papers, so as to appear the Property of the Subjects of the United States of *America* and *Great-Britain*, as Occasion may offer, such Ship or Vessel, with her Cargo and Appurtenances, and all the Property on board, shall be forfeited as aforesaid, to and for the Uses aforesaid. And if any Ship or Vessel, clearing at any Intendant's Office in this State as the Property of any of the Citizens of this State, shall afterwards enter and discharge her Cargo in any *British* Port or Ports within their Provinces or Plantations as the Property of any *American* or *British* Subject, until the Proclamations and Orders for prohibiting Vessels belonging to any of the United States from entering their Ports, or trafficking there, shall be reversed, and an open Trade be allowed, such Vessel, upon her Return into this State, her Cargo and Appurtenances, with all the Property on board, shall be forfeited in Manner and Form aforesaid: And if such Vessel shall not return into this State, having transgressed as aforesaid, but terminate her Voyage elsewhere, then and in such Case the Owners, Freighters and Masters, of such Vessel, and all concerned, or so many of them as can be found, shall be liable to pay double the Value of such Vessel and Cargo at the Time of her clearing as aforesaid, to be recovered in due Course of Law, by Information before the Superior Court, and appropriated as aforesaid.

*PROVIDED*, That nothing in this Act shall prevent any Ship or Vessel now building, or hereafter to be built in this State, and owned by *British* Subjects, from taking a Cargo on board at her first Departure, upon the same Terms, and no farther Restrictions, than if such Ship or Vessel was owned by Citizens of this State.

*RESOLVED*, That the Secretary cause this Act to be published in all the News-Papers in this State; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to furnish the Supreme Executive of the State of *Connecticut* with a Copy of the same.



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lowed 100  
Dollars.

WHEREAS the Honourable *David Howell*, Esq; now a Delegate to represent this State in Congress, drew a Bill of Exchange for Two Hun-  
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*dred Spanish milled Dollars* on the Honourable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; to be paid at Sight, which Bill was paid by the said *Jabez Bowen*:

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Peregrine Foster*, Esq; the Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Providence*, pay to the said *Jabez Bowen* the Sum of *Two Hundred Spanish milled Dollars*, with Interest from the Time the said Money was advanced, out of the first Money he shall collect, as a Part of the *Twenty Thousand Pound Tax*, ordered at the Session in *August* last; and that the said *Jabez Bowen*'s Receipt shall be received by the General-Treasurer as so much Money paid by the said Collector of Taxes.

WHEREAS this Assembly did at the Session in *February*, A. D. 1784, General-Treasurer to give the Widow of *S. Westcot* a Deed of a Farm. pass an Act, that upon *Stukely Westcot*'s delivering to the General-Treasurer a Deed of Release and Quit-Claim to a certain Farm lying in *Exeter*, called the *Black-Plain Farm*, formerly belonging to *Samuel Westcot* a Deed of a Farm. *Boone*, the General-Treasurer, in Behalf of this State, make and execute a Deed of Release and Quit-Claim unto the Farm lying in *North-Kingstown*, formerly belonging to the said *Samuel Boone*, unto the said *Stukely Westcot*, his Heirs and Assigns: And whereas the said *Stukely Westcot* died before the said Deeds were executed: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That upon the Widow of the said *Stukely Westcot*, who is Administratrix upon his Estate, making and executing unto the General-Treasurer, for the Use of this State, a Deed of Release and Quit-Claim of all the Right and Title which the said *Stukely Westcot* had to the said *Black-Plain Farm* in *Exeter*, he having had a Mortgage on both said Estates; that thereupon the General-Treasurer, in Behalf of this State, make and execute unto the said *Mary Westcot*, and the Heirs of the said *Stukely Westcot*, a Deed of Release and Quit-Claim of all the Right and Interest which this State have unto the said Farm lying in *North-Kingstown*.

WHEREAS *William Greene*, of *Warwick* (Son of *Nathaniel*) preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that on the Twelfth Day of *December*, A. D. 1782, the General-Treasurer of this State issued Two Notes, numbered 113, payable to him or his Order, for the Sum of *Seventy-seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, each, with Interest: That he hath lost the said Notes, and hath never received any Part of the Principal of the same, or the Interest due thereon; and thereupon he prayed for Relief: *Petition of W. Greene granted.*

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *William Greene*'s giving ample Security to the General-Treasurer, to indemnify this State, in case the original Notes shall be produced for Payment, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue his Notes, of the same Tenor and Date with those that were lost, to the said *William Greene*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, *R. Hopkins* allowed £ 18. be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Richard Hopkins*, late a Soldier in *Col. Greene's Regiment*, on Account of a Wound he received in the Action at *Springfield*.

Committee to appropriate the last Tax.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Henry Marchant, James M. Varnum, Rowse J. Helme, Esquires, and the Attorney-General, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to draught a Bill for the Appropriation of the Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, ordered by this Assembly at the last Session: That the same be appropriated conformably to the Requisition of Congress of the 27th of *September* last; and that said Committee report as soon as may be.



An A C T for raising, and paying into the Treasury of the United States, this State's Proportion of *Three Millions of Dollars*, required by a Resolution of Congress of the Twenty-seventh Day of *September*, A. D. 1785.

Appropriation of the Tax of £ 20,000 ordered at the Session in August last.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Resolution of the Congress of the United States of the Twenty-seventh Day of *September*, A. D. 1785, requiring of this State the Sum of *Sixty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars*, as its Quota of *Three Millions of Dollars*, for paying the Interest of the national Debt for the Year 1785, and other Purposes therein mentioned, be and the same is hereby adopted.

*BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, ordered by this Assembly at the Session in *August* last, and payable on the First Day of *January* next, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Payment of the said Sum of *Sixty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars*.

*BE it further Enacted*, That *Forty-three Thousand and Ninety Dollars and Two-Thirds of a Dollar*, Part of the Sum aforesaid, be received by the General-Treasurer of the Collectors of the several Towns, in Interest Certificates to be issued by the Loan-Officers of the United States, or in Silver and Gold, in the Proportion of Two Parts out of Three of the Sums respectively apportioned to the said Towns, in the Tax aforesaid: And that the said Collectors be and they are hereby directed to receive of the Individuals upon whom the same is assessed Two-Thirds of the Amount of their Taxes in the Certificates aforesaid, or Silver and Gold equivalent.

*BE it further Enacted*, That the remaining Sum of *Twenty-one Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-five Dollars and One-Third of a Dollar* be received by the General-Treasurer of the Collectors aforesaid, in Silver and Gold, or Certificates of Balances due to the Conductors and Owners of Ox-Teams in the Service of the United States in the Campaign of 1781, pursuant to a Resolve of Congress and a Resolve of this

Assembly, passed at the Session in June last, founded thereon, in Manner aforesaid; and that the said Collectors receive the One-Third of the Taxes of Individuals in the same Manner.

*BE it further Enacted*, That the General-Treasurer pay unto the Loan-Officer aforesaid all the Money, in Silver and Gold, so to be received by him as aforesaid, on or before the First Day of May next, taking his Receipt therefor.

AND for preserving the Credit of the Certificates, to be issued by the Loan-Officers agreeably to the said Resolution, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That whoever shall counterfeit, alter or deface, any of the Certificates aforesaid, or shall pass or receive in Payment any of the said Certificates, knowing the same to be thus counterfeited, altered or defaced, shall upon due Conviction thereof suffer the Pains of Death.

Death to  
counterfeit  
Loan-Office  
Certificates.



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Sixty-five Pounds Thirteen Shillings *7. and 7. Rose* and Fourpence, Lawful Money, it being the Balance of a Note of Hand heretofore given unto *John Rose*, Esq; for Two Negro Slaves inlisted in this State's Service, be paid unto *John Rose*, and *James Rose*, the Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said *John Rose*, deceased, out of the General-Treasury.

allowed £ 65  
13 s. 4 d.

WHEREAS *William West*, Esq; of Scituate, preferred unto this Assembly a Petition, representing that his Affairs were much embarrassed, and praying that a Lottery might be granted him for the Disposal of the following Lands and Stock, to wit:

Lottery  
granted to W.  
West.

ONE Farm lying in *Point-Judith*, in *South-Kings-town*, containing Two Hundred Acres, and also Twenty-seven Acres of Salt Marsh, lying near the same; one Farm lying in the Town of *Killingly*, in the State of *Connecticut*, it being in *Thompson Parish* (so called) containing Four Hundred Acres; also Two Hundred Acres of Timber Land, lying in the said Town of *Killingly*; Three Hundred Acres of Land, lying in the Town of *Lyndon*; Three Hundred and Eighty Acres of Land, lying in the Town of *Weston*; Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in the Town of *Foster*, in this State; Sixty good Cows, Eight Oxen, Five Horses, and One Hundred Sheep: And the said *William West* further prayed, that the said Lands and Stock may be appraised by Men under Oath, to be appointed by this Assembly, and that *Caleb Harris*, *Thomas Holden*, *James Aldrich*, and *Daniel Owen*, Esquires, may be appointed Managers of the said Lottery; and that they form the Scheme of the said Lottery, after the said Lands and Stock shall be appraised:

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted: That

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the Gentlemen nominated therein be and they are hereby appointed Managers of the said Lottery, they first giving Bond in a Sum double the Amount of the Money to be raised by the Sale of the said Tickets: That *John Williams*, Esq; of *Foster*; *Andrew Harris*, Esq; of *Cranston*, and *John Sayles*, Esq; of *Smithfield*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to appraise and value the said Lands and Stock, they first taking an Oath for making a just and true Appraisement of the same, according to the best of their Judgments; and that no Expence accrue hereon to this State.

Southwick and  
Barber allowed  
£ 3 3 s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Three Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *Southwick* and *Barber*; it being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited, for Printing done for the State, from *Sept. 12* to *Oct. 10*, A. D. 1785

General-  
Treasurer to  
issue Certifi-  
cates for  
Teaming.

WHEREAS the Persons employed in the Teaming Service have received Certificates for the same in large Sums, whereby it hath become extremely difficult to negotiate them; and as the reducing them into smaller Sums will be a Means of the Inhabitants obtaining Facilities to pay their Taxes: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That any Person or Persons possessed of any Certificates for Service done by Teaming, which is recommended by Congress to be paid by this State, may, if upwards of *Forty Dollars*, carry the same to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby directed to receive the same, and to issue smaller Certificates therefor, to the Amount of such Certificate by him so received: That the General-Treasurer do not issue any Certificate for a less Sum than *Twenty Dollars*: That he discharge the larger Certificate, by indorsing on the Back of the same that the Bearer hath received the Contents of the General-Treasurer of the State of *Rhode-Island*; and that he keep an Account, and register all the Certificates he shall so receive.

AND the General-Treasurer shall give his Certificate in the following Form, *to wit*:

A. B. or the Bearer hereof, is intitled to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars; and the Collectors of the Taxes in this State are to receive this Certificate in Discharge of the Tax ordered by the General Assembly in *August*, A. D. 1785; this Certificate being given to discharge a Certificate heretofore given by *Edward Chinn*, Esq; unto \_\_\_\_\_ for Teaming Services done the United States.

Witness my Hand this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1785.

Heirs of T.  
Eldred allow-  
ed £ 46 6 s.  
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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Forty-six Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Robert Potter*, Esq; as Guardian to the Heirs of *Thomas Eldred*, late of *North-Kingstown*, deceased; the same being the consolidated Value of a Certificate given to the said Heirs, for a Slave enlisted into the Continental Service.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Four Hundred and Eighty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed to *Joseph Clarke, Esq;* General-Treasurer, for his Services, commencing in *May, A. D. 1783*, and ending the First Day of *May, A. D. 1785*. General-Treasurer allowed £ 480.

WHEREAS *Jane Coggeshall*, of *Providence*, a Negro Woman, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that she was a Slave to Captain *Daniel Coggeshall*, of *Newport*: That in *March, A. D. 1777*, the Enemy being then in Possession of *Rhode-Island*, she, together with others, at every Risque, effected their Escape to *Point-Judith*: That they were carried before the General Assembly, then sitting in *South-Kingstown*, who did thereupon give them their Liberty, together with a Pass to go to any Part of the Country to procure a Livelihood: That she hath lived at *Woodstock* and at *Providence* ever since: That during the whole Time she hath maintained herself decently and with Reputation, and can appeal to the Families wherein she hath lived with Respect to her Industry, Sobriety of Manners and Fidelity: That of late she hath been greatly alarmed with a Claim of some of the Heirs of the said *Daniel Coggeshall* upon her still as a Slave: That as she has enjoyed the inestimable Blessing of Liberty for near Eight Years, she feels the most dreadful Apprehensions at the Idea of again falling into a State of Slavery; and thereupon she prayed this Assembly to take her Case into Consideration, and pass such an Act, declaring her free, as was passed for a Negro Man named *Quaco Honeymen*, who in like Manner made his Escape. Petition of J. Coggeshall granted.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Jane Coggeshall* be and she is hereby entirely emancipated and made free.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Rofs Coon*, a Constable of the Town of *Hopkinton*; the same being in full Satisfaction of Three Accounts by him exhibited for apprehending divers poor Criminals at the Suit of the State. R. Coon allowed £ 7 1 s. 6 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Fones* F. Smith allowed £ 1. *Smith*; it being for a Blanket by him furnished for a Soldier in the Year 1782.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Asa Hopkins*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*; it being in full of an Account by him exhibited for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State. A. Hopkins allowed £ 13 12 s. 10 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Micah Whitmarsh*, a Deputy Sheriff for the County of *Kent*; the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for apprehending *Abraham* M. Whitmarsh allowed £ 2 8 s.

*Abraham Wilcox*, by Virtue of a Warrant from one of the Justices of the Superior Court.

Committee to settle the General-Treasurer's Account continued, and *R. J. Helme* added.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, *John Jenckes*, and *George Champlin*, Esquires, were heretofore appointed a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General-Treasurer: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Gentlemen be still continued, a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid, with the Addition of *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; That they also make out an exact and accurate Account of all the Money advanced by this State unto the Continent by any Requisition of Congress, and all the Money and Supplies granted by this State to and for the Use of the United States; and that they lay the said Accounts before this Assembly at the next Session, that the same may be transmitted to the Board of Treasury of the United States.

*P. Allen* added to the Committee for enrolling Invalids.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Paul Allen* be added to the Committee, heretofore appointed for enrolling Invalids belonging to this State; and that said Committee report as soon as may be.

*J. Flagg* to deliver military Stores to *G. Champlin*, &c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Col. Josiah Flagg*, who has the Care of the military Stores at *Providence*, be and he is hereby directed to deliver to *George Champlin*, and *Thomas Rumrell*, Esquires, for the Use of *Fort-Washington*, Three Barrels of Powder, Forty Nine-Pound Shot, One Hundred Six-Pound Shot, and Two Hundred Three-Pound Shot.

Report of the Committee for manning *Fort-Washington*.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly, to wit:

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee, to report the Number of Men necessary to be placed in *Fort-Washington*, and the best Mode to be adopted in procuring and paying them, beg Leave to report, that in our Opinion, if a Gunner is appointed for the said Fort, with the monthly Pay of *Seven Dollars*, he finding himself, and to have the Improvement of the Barrack on *Goat-Island*, he can be easily obtained: That if some suitable Person or Persons be empowered to hire Four good stout Boatmen to attend upon the said Fort at all Times, it will be sufficient; and that they agree with the Men upon the best Terms they can, not giving more than *Seven Dollars* per Month, they finding themselves. We had in Contemplation the calling in a Number of the Invalids that are on Half-Pay of the State, but if they are put upon Duty, their Wages must be augmented to full Pay, and their Cloathing and Rations will cost more than hiring Four Boatmen in *Newport*, who will find themselves. All which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

ESK HOPKINS,  
GEORGE CHAMPLIN, } Committee.  
ROWSE J. HELME,

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That *Mr. John Carr* be appointed

appointed Gunner of the said Fort; and that *George Champlin*, and *Thomas Rumreill*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, for the Purpose of hiring Four Boatmen, agreeably to the said Report.

WHEREAS *Mary Johnson*, Widow of *David Johnson*, late a Lieutenant in Col. *Christopher Greene's* Regiment, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that her said Husband died November 22, A. D. 1780, and has left her with Three small Children to support; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant her the Seven Years Half-Pay, to which she is entitled by a Resolution of Congress.

Allowance to  
M. Johnson,  
&c.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Seven Years Half-Pay be allowed to the Widow and Children of the said *David Johnson*, commencing on the Twenty-second Day of November, A. D. 1780, and ending on the Twenty-second Day of November, A. D. 1787: That the General-Treasurer issue a Note, dated November 22, A. D. 1784, for the Sum of *One Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, payable on Demand, with Interest, to the said Widow and her Children, in full for the first Four Years of the said annual Allowances; and that the Sum of *Thirty Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the said Widow and her Children; it being the Amount of the Interest upon the said Four Years Arrearages to November 22. A. D. 1784.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Forty-eight Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed to *Martha Fenner*, Widow of *Daniel Fenner*, late a Soldier in Colonel *Israel Angell's* Regiment; the same being the Principal of the Half-Pay in Arrear to the Twenty-third Day of June, A. D. 1784: That the General-Treasurer give his promissory Note for the same, dated June 23, A. D. 1784, payable on Demand, with Interest; and that *Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, being the Interest of the said Half-Pay to the said Date, be allowed and paid the said *Martha Fenner* out of the General-Treasury.

Allowance to  
M. Fenner.

WHEREAS it is highly becoming all States and Governments to make public Acknowledgments, with Thanksgiving, to the Creator and Supreme Governor of the Universe, for all his Mercies: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Thursday*, the First Day of December next, be observed by the Inhabitants of this State as a Day of public Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Enjoyment of the free Exercise of our Rights and Liberties, religious and civil; for the Means of a Christian and liberal Education; for blessing the Labour of our Hands, in giving us to reap plentifully the Fruits of the Earth in their due Season, and for all his other Mercies, particularly during the Year past: That the said Day be strictly observed; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to issue a Proclamation accordingly.

Thanksgiving  
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Payment of  
Taxes postponed.

WHEREAS several Towns are still delinquent in the Payment of their Quotas of divers Taxes: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That there be allowed unto the several Towns, delinquent as aforesaid, One Month from the Rising of this Assembly for the collecting and paying into the General-Treasury their respective Deficiencies in the aforesaid Taxes in Arrear: And whereas several Town-Treasurers have been committed to Gaol by Virtue of the Warrants of the General-Treasurer, for Deficiencies aforesaid, some of whom have sued the Collectors and their Bondsmen, and obtained Executions against them: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the several Town-Treasurers committed as aforesaid be liberated: That said Executions be stayed till the Expiration of the aforesaid Thirty Days; and that the Town-Treasurers of the respective Towns, which shall be delinquent at the End of the said Thirty Days, be recommitted by Virtue of the aforesaid Warrants: *Provided nevertheless*, That where such Town-Treasurers shall have obtained Judgments and Executions against the Collectors and their Bondsmen, in such Case the said Town-Treasurers be discharged, and the said Executions issue against the said Collectors and their Bondsmen. agreeably to Law.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That in Cases where no Warrant hath issued against any Town-Treasurer of any Town delinquent as aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue his Warrants against the Town-Treasurers of such Towns, returnable in Ten Days, provided they shall be delinquent at the Expiration of the aforesaid Thirty Days.

Report upon  
the Depreci-  
ation Ac-  
counts of Col.  
Crary's Regi-  
ment.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to adjust the Accounts of the Regiment late under the Command of Col. *Archibald Crary*, for the Depreciation of their Wages and Allowances, presented to this Assembly a State of the Accounts, and reported that there is due to the said Regiment the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds Eight Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money: And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that it be and hereby is recommended to Mr. *Edward Chinn*, the Commissioner in this State for settling the Accounts against the United States, to allow the same, and to give the necessary Certificates to the Individuals of the said Regiment, for the Sums due to them respectively

Report upon  
the Depreci-  
ation Ac-  
counts of Col.  
Elliott's Regi-  
ment.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to adjust the Accounts of the Regiment lately commanded by Col. *Robert Elliott*, for the Depreciation of their Wages and Allowances, presented to this Assembly a State of the Accounts, and reported that there is due to the said Regiment the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Fivepence*, Lawful Money: And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that it be and hereby is recommended to Mr. *Edward Chinn*, the Commissioner in this State for settling the Accounts against the United States, to allow the same, and



and to issue the necessary Certificates to the Individuals of the said Regiment, for the Sums due to them respectively.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to adjust the Accounts of the Regiment late under the Command of Col. *John Topham*, for the Depreciation of their Wages and Allowances, presented to this Assembly a State of the Accounts, and reported that there is due to the said Regiment the Sum of *Twenty-two Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sevenpence*, Lawful Money: And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that it be and hereby is recommended to Mr. *Edward Chinn*, the Commissioner in this State for settling the Accounts against the United States, to allow the same, and to issue the necessary Certificates to the Individuals of the said Regiment, for the Sums due to them respectively.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* be and he is hereby directed to apply to *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; late Collector of Impost and Intendant of Trade in the said County, for all the Bonds, Books and Papers, belonging to the said Offices. That the said *Stephen Mumford* deliver the same accordingly: That the said Sheriff thereupon deliver them to *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; the present Collector and Intendant for the said County, giving and taking Receipts for the same; and that the said *Gideon Mumford* be and is hereby required and directed to proceed immediately to collect the Money due on the aforesaid Bonds, and to put the same in Suit, if the Obligors shall neglect to discharge the same.

WHEREAS Mr. *Paris Gardner*, a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *P. Gardner to Washington*, hath received a Class-Bill, to collect of the Inhabitants of *South-Kingstown* their Proportion for not raising Soldiers in the Continental Battalions, and to pay the same into the General-Treasury, which hath not been done: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Paris Gardner* pay the Deficiency of the said Class-Bill into the General-Treasury, on or before the Third Day of *December* next, with Interest at the Rate of *Six per Centum per Annum*, from the Time the same ought to have been paid into the said Treasury: That in Default thereof, the Attorney-General be and he is hereby directed to call a Special Court upon the Sheriff of the said County, for his said Deputy's Neglect; and that the said *Paris Gardner* be and he is hereby empowered to collect Interest from all Persons who are deficient in paying their Assessment, at and after the Rate aforesaid.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-six Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Nathan Miller*, Esq; it being the Balance of an Account by him exhibited, for his Time in taking the Estimate, for making a Number of Pay-Abstracts for the Militia, &c. and agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

WHEREAS the Estate late *Ackurs Siffon's*, on the Island of *Block-Island*, which was confiscated to the Use of this State, is attached, and advertised

Attorney-General to enquire into *A. Siffon's* Estate.

advertised for Sale for the Payment of Taxes : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That no further Proceedings be had in Consequence of said Attachment, until the further Orders of this Assembly : And whereas the said Estate has been by this Assembly relinquished to *Job Sisson*, upon his Representation that the said *Ackurs Sisson* was dead, and that the same descended to him : And the said *Ackurs Sisson* having since returned into this State, and here made his personal Appearance : *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General enquire into all the Circumstances of the said Estate, and make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*S. Sweet* allowed £ 20.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly,

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly a Committee to enquire into the Petition of *Sylvester Sweet*, beg Leave to report, that the said *Sweet* enlisted into this State's Service, in the Company commanded by Capt. — *Westcott* : That at the Time Capt. *Wallace*, of the Ship *Rose*, landed and burnt the Houses, &c. upon *Jamestown*, he was taken a Prisoner, and carried off : That he remained as a Prisoner confined on board the said Ship, and a Prison-Ship in *England*, Two Years : That he was then taken out and transferred to a Ship in the *British* Service, and obliged to do Duty : That at the Cessation of Hostilities he was dismissed, and had his Wages paid him, and returned to this State : That his Wife during his Absence received Two Months Wages ; and that if the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* be granted unto the said *Sweet*, it will be doing Justice to the State and said *Sweet*, and will be in full Compensation for his Services, &c. Which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

ESEK<sup>H</sup> HOPKINS,  
PAUL ALLEN,  
ROWSE J. HELM

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Sylvester Sweet* out of the General-Treasury.

Lots at Point-Judith to be sold, in case,

WHEREAS several Persons who bid off Lots at the Sale of the *Point-Judith* Farm (so called) at public Vendue, have neglected to fulfil the Conditions of Sale, by not paying the Money into the General-Treasury : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That if such Persons or any of them shall neglect to pay into the General-Treasury their several Deficiencies of the Sums bid as aforesaid, within Sixty Days from the Rising of this Assembly, the Lot or Lots bid off by such Person or Persons so neglecting as aforesaid shall be considered as forfeited to the State, agreeably to the Conditions of Sale ; and that the same be again exposed to Sale by the former Committee, on the same Terms and Conditions which were annexed to the former Sales.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Gunner and Men belonging to *Fort-Washington* be and they are hereby directed to assist the Intendants of Trade and Collectors of Impost in this State, whenever called upon by either of the said Officers in their said Capacities: That all Vessels, coming into the Harbour of *Newport*, be obliged to come within Hail of the said Fort: That all Vessels that shall attempt to pass out to Sea, without producing a Pass to the Gunner of the said Fort, from the Intendant of Trade for the County of *Newport*, or their Clearance from some other Port in this State, and shall be fired upon from the said Fort, shall pay for each Shot so fired as followeth, *to wit*: For every Three-Pound Shot, *Five Shillings*: For every Six-Pound Shot, *Nine Shillings*: For every Nine-Pound Shot, *Fifteen Shillings*: For every Eighteen-Pound Shot, *Thirty Shillings*: For every Twenty-four Pound Shot, *Thirty-six Shillings*; and that the Intendant of Trade for the County of *Newport* be and he is hereby empowered to collect the said Penalties accordingly.

Vessels to pass within Hail of *Fort-Washington*, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. George Gibbs be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Seventy-five Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, in Payment of a like Sum by him advanced to the Honourable *William Ellery*, Esq; on his Draught to defray his Expences while at Congress: That the said *William Ellery*, and the Honourable *David Howell*, Esq; be and they are hereby empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury *Thirty Pounds*, Lawful Money, each: That the same be charged to their Accounts as Delegates; and that the same be paid out of the first Money which shall be received into the General-Treasury towards the last *Twenty Thousand Pound Tax*.

Grant to G. Gibbs, W. Ellery, and D. Howell.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-one Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance on this Assembly, and the Courts in said County, at divers Sessions and Terms, &c.

B. Brown allowed £ 21 18 s. 10 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Six Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Paper, &c. furnished, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House.

B. Bourne allowed £ 4 6 s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Eight Shillings and Ninepence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Ebenexer Tefft*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for sweeping the State-House, &c. and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

E. Tefft allowed £ 2 8 s. 9 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eightpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Sherburne*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account

H. Sherburne allowed £ 3 14 s. 8 d.

count by him presented for Paper, &c. furnished, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Deputy-Secretary.

*D. Douglass*  
allowed £ 1  
19 s. 7 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Nineteen Shillings and Sevenpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. David Douglass, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c.*

*J. Tefft* allow-  
ed £ 1 16 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. James Tefft, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.*

*W. Potter* al-  
lowed £ 1 16 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. William Potter; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Wood, furnished for the Use of the State.*



## An A C T in Amendment of and Addition to the Laws already in Force for collecting Duties upon imported Goods.

Act in  
Amendment  
of Impost  
Laws.

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Article of Hemp hereafter to be brought into this State, by Land or Water, be exempted from Duties of every Kind and Nature, excepting such Hemp as shall be imported in a Vessel or Vessels owned in Whole or in Part by the Subjects of Great-Britain

*B E it further Enacted, That each Collector of Impost shall provide Scales and Weights, capable of being removed from Place to Place, with which the Quantity of all imported Articles to be valued by Weight shall be ascertained; and all Articles as aforesaid, which shall be taken out of any Vessel, Carriage or Team, and stored or otherwise deposited, without being weighed in said Scales, or the Permit of the Collector therefor, the same shall be liable to Seizure and Condemnation; and that the Guagers and Weighers shall have and receive of the Owner of the Goods One Penny for each Hundred Weight they shall weigh: Provided nevertheless, That all Goods landed at such Wharves where there are sealed Scales and Weights, may be there weighed in such Scales.*

*B E it further Enacted, That the Guager's Mark shall consist of the two first Letters of his Name, and the first Letter of the County; and that the Impression upon all Casks, excepting the Contents, be with a Brand, and upon other Articles with black Paint; and that for guaging each Cask the Guager receive of the Owner Fourpence.*

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*AND be it also Enacted*, That any dutiable Goods that shall be exposed to Sale, without the Mark aforesaid, the same shall be liable to Seizure and Condemnation.

*BE further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That each and every Collector of Impost in this State be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make Seizures in any Part of this State, in the same Manner as in the County for which he is appointed. And to enable the Collectors to execute the Duties of their Appointment more effectually, *Be it further Enacted*, That in making Seizures and securing the same, the Collectors be authorized and empowered to call to their Aid and Assistance the Powers of the Counties respectively, in the same Manner as Sheriffs can do in Cases of being obstructed in the Execution of the Duties of their Office: And that whenever a Collector shall have just Cause to suspect that Goods of any Kind subject to a Duty, and not having been entered agreeably to Law, are concealed in any House, Warehouse, Shop, Store, or in any other Building, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, or Warden, upon Complaint being made by such Collector, and making it appear that he hath probable Cause of Suspicion, to grant a Warrant for breaking open and searching such Dwelling-House, or any other Building, for such Goods, in the Time between the Rising and Setting of the Sun, in the same Manner as Search-Warrants are granted in the Case of stolen Goods, and not otherwise; and that upon finding the Goods, or any others, not being entered as aforesaid, but liable to Duties, the same to seize and proceed against

*BE it further Enacted*, That if any Team, or other Land-Conveyance, shall unload or discharge any Goods liable to Duties, coming from on board any Vessel or from a neighbouring State, before reporting and entering in the Collector's Office, all such Teams, and other Land-Carriages, shall be liable to Seizure and Condemnation, in the same Manner as Vessels are whose Cargoes are unloaded before they are reported.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Persons guilty of any Breaches of this Act, or any of the Acts for imposing and collecting the Impost, and where the Vessel or other Goods upon Detection would be liable to Seizure and Condemnation, but which cannot be found and seized, shall pay double the Value of such Vessel or other Goods, to be paid for and appropriated in the same Manner as Goods seized and condemned.

*AND be it also Enacted*, That if any Collector shall neglect putting the Bonds for the securing the Duties in Suit, at the Times when the same shall respectively become payable, and after giving Thirty Days Indulgence, he shall be chargeable with the Amount of such Bond and Interest, and be displaced from his Office at the next Session of this Assembly then following.



General-  
Treasurer to  
issue Certifi-  
cates for In-  
terest on State  
Securities.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue Certificates or Orders for the Interest upon all State Securities, as it annually becomes due.

J. Carter al-  
lowed £ 3 7 s.  
6 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. John Carter; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for publishing divers Acts and Orders of this Assembly.

Sheriff of  
Washington  
County to en-  
quire for a Lot  
for a Gaol.

WHEREAS the Gaol in the County of *Washington* is very much out of Repair, and the Lot of Land whereon it stands is not large enough for building a new Gaol thereon: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the said County be and he is hereby directed to enquire for the lowest Terms on which he can purchase One Acre of Land, near the State-House in said County, for the Purpose of building a new Gaol; and that he make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Proceedings  
where Peti-  
tions are  
pending, stav-  
ed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Proceedings, for the Staying whereof Petitions are pending before this Assembly, be and the same are hereby stayed.

Adjournment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the City of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the last *Monday* in *February* next, then to convene at the State-House in *Providence*.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward*













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